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FACTORY OUTPUT SHRINKS FOR 4TH STRAIGHT MONTH

Industrial production contracted 16.6% in June, at a slower pace than in May, amid a gradual reopening of factories

MINING SECTOR DRAGS JUNE FIGURES

Production fell 17.1% in the manufacturing sector in June, 19.8% in mining and 10% in power, as per the Index of Industrial Production. The overall 16.6% year-on-year contraction compares with a growth of 1.3% in June last year. For the April-June period, industrial production shrank by 35.9%, with the manufacturing sector contracting by 40.7%

IMPROVEMENT OVER APRIL, MAY

- This is the 4th consecutive month factory output has shrunk, though the decline is lower compared with a staggering 57.6% y-o-y fall in April and 34% in May
- Production of primary goods in June declined by 14.6%, capital goods by 36.9% and intermediary goods 25.1% | P12

107.8
IS THE INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION FOR JUNE

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EXPRESS READ

Pranab's condition worsens, on ventilator

New Delhi: The condition of former President Pranab Mukherjee has worsened and he remains on ventilator support, the Army's Research and Referral (R&R) Hospital said on Tuesday, a day after he underwent a brain surgery. He was admitted to the hospital on Monday, and had also tested positive for Covid-19. P9

Daughters have equal coparcenary rights: SC

New Delhi: Holding that daughters cannot be deprived of their right of equality, the Supreme Court Tuesday ruled that they will have equal coparcenary rights in joint Hindu family property even if the father died before the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act 2005. P10

Russia develops first Covid vaccine: Putin

Moscow: President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday announced that Russia has developed the world's first vaccine against Covid-19 that works "quite effectively" and forms a "stable immunity" against the disease. P9,11

A mob goes on the rampage torching vehicles in front of the DJ Halli police station in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMART

1 dies in police firing as KB Sandra burns

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ONE person died and three people sustained injuries in alleged cross-firing with the police after an angry mob went berserk, attacking an MLA's house and a police station late on Tuesday night. The city has been placed on high alert, according to senior police officers.

Violence erupted in Kavalbyrasandra area after the huge mob set fire to vehicles parked in front of Pulakeshinagar MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house and also threw stones at his residence. The MLA was not in the house at the time of the incident. The crowd was armed with iron rods and weapons, police said.

The mob also gheraoed Devara Jeevana Halli police station demanding immediate action against a relative of the MLA, who, they alleged, had posted some objectionable comments on social media. As rioters resorted to pelting stones and glass shards from rooftops at the policemen, a few police personnel and television journalists sustained injuries. Police fired tear gas shells and resorted to lathicharge after the mob set fire to police vehicles and attempted to torch some commercial properties.

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PM moots stricter Covid-19 testing

Modi says contacts of suspected cases should be traced and tested within 72 hours; CMs want relaxation in borrowing limits

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@ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked states to do contact tracing and testing within 72 hours of identifying Covid-19 cases, even as financial woes topped the concerns raised by chief ministers during the Covid-19 review meeting.

Chief Ministers of the 10 most affected states — Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu — participated in the video-conference meeting. Karnataka was represented by Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and Medical Eudcation Minister Dr K Sudhakar. The CMs' demands included higher allocation from State Disaster Relief Funds for Covid-19 expenses and higher borrowing limits under the Fiscal Responsibility Budgetary Management provisions without conditions.

"There has been a 50% dip in the revenue in the first quarter. The Centre should give a liberal financial package to fill the gap, besides also helping in building the infrastructure for online education," said Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh. He said the 35% cap on Covid-19 expenses in the State Disaster Response Fund is not enough.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said though the FRMB limit has been raised from 3% to 5%, the portion of the unconditional facility is only 0.5%. This, according to her, must be enhanced to 2%. She also sought guidelines on the vaccination, while her Bihar counterpart Nitish Kumar called upon the Centre to help with critical health equipment, including 5,000 oxygen concentrator. Kumar also sought two Covas-8800 machines to increase testing facilities in his state.

According to Modi's 72-hour formula, if anyone is tested positive, then all his or her contacts must be traced and tested within three days.

"Eighty per cent of the Covid-19 cases are reported from the 10 states, and if the virus is defeated here, the country can emerge victorious," the PM told the CMs, while sharing the roadmap employed in Delhi to tame the pandemic. He stressed that testing needs to be increased in Gujarat, Bihar, Telangana, West Bengal, and UP.

Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar brief PM Narendra Modi during a video conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

5 MINUTES NOT ENOUGH FOR DIDI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who exceeded the stipulated time of five minutes, was told to raise the issues that she was referring to on another occasion, but she bluntly told the gathering that others had taken her time and continued, inviting a round of laughter from all those present. Each speaker was given about five minutes make points. The PM arrived sharp at 10.59 am for the video conference.

K'taka wants number of med seats doubled

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

WITH the rising number of Covid cases, Karnataka has put forth a request to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for doubling the number of undergraduate and post-graduate medical seats in the state from 12,000 to 24,000 and to help set up liquid oxygen plants at major hospitals.

During the video conference with the PM, State Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who was filling in for Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa who is under home quarantine, said, "If we get one liquid oxygen plant for each major hospital, it will greatly help in better ICU management and bringing down the death rate. The increase in the number of trained medicos will act as a buffer in emergencies."

The death rate in Bengaluru stands at 1.7 per cent, while it is 1.8 per cent in the state, against the national average of 1.99 per cent, he pointed out. P4

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Wednesday 12/08/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Shravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Ashtami 7.38 am • **Nakshatra:** Krithika 12.59 am • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm • **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST
Showers late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.07 am | Sunset 6.42 pm | Moonrise 12.00 am | Moonset 12.50 pm

Mahesh set to fly after minister visits him, gifts him a chance

Minister Suresh Kumar visits Mahesh B, who lives in a shed with his mother and siblings and dreams of becoming a teacher one day | EXPRESS

The young student, who worked as a labourer to support his family, is now set to pursue science in pre-university

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOR Mahesh B, the young boy who worked as a labourer until a week before the SSLC exam, Tuesday morning brought a surprise visitor – Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar.

"I saw him on the day of the Mathematics exam from afar. He had come to wish students at our centre. But on Tuesday, he just came to my house. I am feeling happy and encouraged," he said.

Kumar visited Mahesh a day after *TNIE* published a story headlined 'Holding a trowel, he scored 616/625 in SSLC exams', about how Mahesh worked even while he studied at the government Karnataka Public School in Jeevan Bima Nagar. He worked to see his family through the difficulties caused by the lockdown. The results have given him a break from the hardship.

EXPRESS IMPACT

Since the minister's visit, he has given media interviews and been invited by the local councillor for the Independence Day celebrations.

Suresh Kumar told *TNIE* he spoke to Mahesh and initially thought of meeting him at his school, but later decided to go to his house. "When I went there, I was amazed to see how this boy studied in that atmosphere. It's a tiny shed. He lives with his mother and brothers. There are 30 sheds, including his house. It is amazing," he said.

Suresh Kumar felicitated Mahesh and gave him a cash award. But that wasn't all. The minister had something for him that he lacked until now: An opportunity.

Kumar has assured Mahesh of a place at Alva's College in Moodbidri, free of cost.

Mahesh, who might have fallen through the cracks of India's strained education system, was elated. His mother has agreed, and now he can pursue science for his pre-university course.

"Until Monday, I was nobody. But on Tuesday, the minister came to my house. Not even in my dreams had I thought the education minister would come to my house," said Mahesh.

He is equally thankful to his teachers for encouragement. He says the school principal will procure the application form for the new college, and put him on track to achieve his dream of becoming a teacher.

Poll process yet to start, BBMP may get administrator again

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagra Palike (BBMP) is likely to get an administrator again. The term of the councillors will end in September, but due to the pandemic, the election process has still not started.

In the previous term in 2015, the ward reservation was announced by April and election notification by August. The results were out on August 25, and the mayor and deputy mayor were on the job by September.

But this year, due to the pandemic, everything has taken a backseat. The Urban Development Department has till now only completed the delimitation of wards. The reservation process for each ward is still left to be done. The process has to be has done once in five years.

State Election Commissioner Basavaraju said that ward reservation has to be issued by the government. "It is our task to start the election process after the ward reservation is done. In fact, we had even approached the High Court which had directed the government to complete the ward reservation process. But till date, there has been no intimation on this," he said.

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> Basavaraju, State Election Commissioner

The state government has already postponed the Gram Panchayat elections indefinitely. And now, the government is not in a position to hold the civic body elections.

Confirming that there is a proposal to appoint an administrator, an Urban Development Department source said, "The election process has not yet started. We need time. Though there are requests from BBMP councillors to extend their term for three more months, the government is unlikely to agree to this."

If an administrator is appointed this year in the absence of a full-fledged BBMP Council, it will be the third time this is done since the BBMP was formed in 2007. From 1967 to 2006, 23 administrators were appointed in the then Bangalore City Corporation/BBMP.

HARE KRISHNA

Priests at ISKCON perform puja on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

This I-Day, pedal for freedom from fuel

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

BICYCLE Mayors have launched a nationwide campaign, along with city-based digital advocacy group Jhatkaa.org, to make India a cyclist-friendly country. A petition launched in Bengaluru by bicycle mayor Sathya Sankaran, has over 6,000 signatures.

The petition urges for temporary pop-up bicycle tracks connecting industrial areas to efficiently restart the economy in a safe, environment-friendly and congestion-free way and make busy shopping areas cycling or walking-only zones across the city.

Two videos were released to urge people to start pedalling this Independence Day, as a symbol for freedom from fuel. Shikha Kumar, campaign manager, Jhatkaa.org, said, "The spike in bicycle sales across the country in the past few months has proven that cycling is not just being seen as a recreational activity, but as a mode of public transport that also enables physical distancing. Our cities don't have a cycling ecosystem – we need dedicated lanes, basic infrastructure like public sharing stands."

"The bicycle is the simplest solution to complex problems. We need collective action and a shift in mindset among citizens and governments," said Sonal Kulkarni from the India chapter of BYCS.

NOT ANOTHER BRICK...

Boy to PM: I cannot study, but my friends can, what did I do wrong?

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

JAMES M (name changed), a sixth-grader at a private school in the city, has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and local education department officials after his school issued him a transfer certificate and blocked his access to online classes, for not paying the fee.

The issue spiralled after his father Sebastian asked the school to follow state government guidelines, which specify that parents should not be forced to pay the fee.

The trouble started on Thursday when James' access to online tool was removed. Sebastian told TNIE, "I checked with other parents and they said it was working fine for them. When I asked the school authorities whether there was a technical glitch, there was no response," he said.

After he sent a strongly worded letter asking the school to issue a transfer certificate if online classes cannot be resumed, the school, which is in Whitefield, sent the TC on Monday.

Other parents too alleged that the school is insisting on one-time payment of the fee, and has been harassing students who have not paid.

James in his letter to the PM says, "I cannot study, but all my friends can. What did I do wrong to anybody or to the school? I was the best performer in curricular and co-curricular activities and used to get an A, A+ in all my exams. But due to fee issues, they blocked my studies, and on Saturday (August 8), they expelled me from school. In my 6th grade, I have never been absent, and today is my first absence."

He pleaded with the Prime Minister to intervene and "allow him to continue with his studies".

Officials of EuroSchool did not respond, despite several attempts to reach them.

Block Education Officer Hanumantharaya, said that the education department is proparent, but denied claims that the school declined online access to students.

"We resolved all issues in July after a meeting was called between parents and the school administration. Later, online access was given to all students. Also, the school agreed to payment of fees in instalments," he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12th August: Yesterday I mentioned the threat of a comet or asteroid colliding with the Earth. One of the reasons this is so unlikely is that the giant planet Jupiter acts as a sort of cosmic vacuum cleaner. Its enormous gravitational pull picks up such rogue lumps of rock before they come anywhere near us.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Not for the first time it looks as if your concentration will wander. I must stress that this is really rather a good thing, for if you follow dreams and hunches you will come up with some rather unusual and inspired ideas. It's an emotional moment for many of you, so there may be the odd tear or two.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Approaching stunning planetary movements are casting a shadow backwards in time, one which may get you moving with surprising speed. If you're travelling, don't be surprised if you encounter a spot of chaos over the next three days, but try to make the best of it when you do!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You must take great care of all joint financial arrangements, and don't let anyone put you off your stroke. The best purchases and investments, at the moment, are either radical or high-tech, which gives you quite a choice. But your guiding principle should be whether your actions benefit everyone - or just you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There's a sense in which your current stars are electrifying. This means of course, that you may receive a shock any time over the next three days. But, rather than dwell on any unexpected events, why don't you take control and spring into action?

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There is one final word to be spoken, one last thought to be had, before you come out into the open. You have been very adept at revealing your feelings while concealing your thoughts, a display which has left others feeling a mite confused.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Children and younger people may need careful handling over the next few days, yet don't criticise anyone for being difficult. Instead, help them express their feelings and give direction to some very unusual and original aspirations. The differences between you can be the very qualities which make for a dynamic relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The domestic situation is looking uncertain and unstable, but you may have no warning of someone's intention to up sticks and move on. The best thing you can do is encourage others in their adventurous desires. You might even be able to enjoy their success at second-hand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
To start with, you need to look at what is right and what is wrong. Having checked out the ethical questions, you may now throw yourself wholeheartedly into professional achievement. There is everything to be gained from letting rip and working twenty-five, or even twenty-six hours a day!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Hopefully you have thought in great detail about your financial commitments and checked out the most tiny minutiae. Only if you are word-perfect will you transform a current opportunity into a massive profit. You may also have to convince a family member that your plans are right for them as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It is unclear whether it is you or a close partner who is pulling back from a number of ties. If it is them, then they are probably unconsciously doing your unspoken bidding in some strange sort of way, as if it's you who is secretly reluctant to make a commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You might disregard all rumours and suspicions as time-wasting cul-de-sacs. But do, however, devote as much time as is necessary to investigating strange mysteries and figuring out just what makes someone tick. If a partner seems confused, it's because they are!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Social and romantic commitments certainly seem to be of growing importance. However, as I've hinted in the past you must now define your position, coming off the fence and making a firm decision one way or the other. You may have kept partners waiting for long enough.

THE PHANTOM

IF MY DESTINY HAS BEEN ALTERED, THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION.
OLD MAN NOZZ, DIANA, BARLOAN... THEY TOOK ACTIONS BEYOND MY CONTROL.
"MY FRIEND BARLOAN SLEW THE KILLER HIDDEN BEHIND ME."

HI AND LOIS

DADDY MADE US PANCAKES FOR BREAKFAST.
IT'S A FLAGSTON FAMILY TRADITION.
YOUR FATHER NEVER HAD A FOOD DELIVERY APP.
SHHH.
HUBGRUB

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

I THINK WE SHOULD SPEND OUR TAX REFUND AT A RELAXING LUXURY RESORT
I HAVE A MORE PRACTICAL IDEA, DEAR
I THINK WE SHOULD USE THE MONEY TO BUY A NEW DISHWASHER
DON'T YOU THINK PRACTICAL IDEAS SHOULD INCLUDE WEEKENDS AT LUXURY RESORTS?
ALWAYS! WHY?

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

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SUDOKU

			7	6				
9	8					6		
	7				9	8		3
7	1		2					
				3				
					1		8	9
1		2	6				4	
		4					3	1
				5	4			

EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	4	1	9	6	2	5	3	8
2	8	9	1	3	5	6	7	4
3	6	5	7	4	8	9	1	2
1	2	7	3	9	4	8	6	5
4	3	8	5	1	6	2	9	7
5	9	6	2	8	7	3	4	1
8	1	4	6	2	9	7	5	3
6	5	2	4	7	3	1	8	9
9	7	3	8	5	1	4	2	6

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CNUHM

LAFEB

ALTOWU

ADACRE

Sonar mapping and high-tech diving vehicles have been able to measure the depths of the ocean.
Mt. Everest 29,035
6,035
I totally get it now.
USING TECHNOLOGY, DETAILS ABOUT THE DEPTH OF THE MARIANA TRENCH HAVE BECOME ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TEPID LANKY ISLAND TIRADE
Answer: When they settled west of the Mississippi, their new homestead was — IN PLAIN "SITE"

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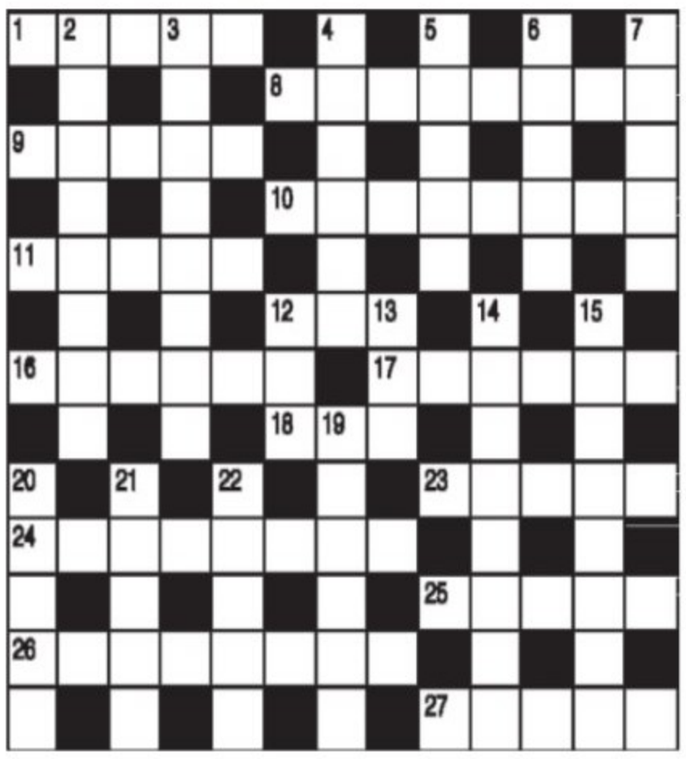
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Hot seat abandoned in a hurry (5)
8 One who falls for a film director (5,3)
9 German river on which revellers like to go (5)
10 No townsperson has beer after 6:50 (8)
11 Criticise the effect of a loose bearing (5)
12 Be a self-employed solicitor? (3)
16 Little distinction (6)
17 Subordinate gives name and number (6)
18 Some of the musicians get the bird (3)
23 Dollar pieces? (5)
24 Mention a different name (8)
25 Bags of patients (5)
26 Sad passage to quote back (8)
27 This said, repair is immediate (by a saw) (5)

DOWN

2 Something we can well do without at the end of a book (8)
3 Defence cuts (8)
4 Fighting prevalent on street (6)
5 Where two sides get together to some degree (5)
6 One thousand years old statue (5)
7 Noisy drink? (5)
12 An extra match that doesn't have to be played (3)
13 This creature's a bit of a blooming nuisance (3)
14 See great changes in economy travel (8)
15 Not still lacking support (8)
19 There's some point in this system (6)
20 Cuts pin-up aboard ship (5)
21 Strike me? It's wrong (5)
22 Kiss a girl before one is attached (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Embroidery, 6 Bloc, 10 Motet, 11 Ballerina, 12 Placates, 13 Try on, 15 Succour, 17 Plummet, 19 Olympia, 21 Speaker, 22 Fists, 24 Spacious, 27 Roast beef, 28 Bumps, 29 Edge, 30 Dependency.

Down: 1 Emma, 2 Battle cry, 3 Optic, 4 Debater, 5 Rolls up, 7 Laity, 8 Chain store, 9 Rest-cure, 14 Use of force, 16 Opposite, 18 Make-up man, 20 Austere, 21 Snaffle, 23 Slang, 25 In bed, 26 Espy.

The Kodagu-Kerala border opened for vehicular movement after nearly five months of closure. While the border was shut following the rising Covid-19 situation, it has now been opened with certain restrictions imposed for inter-state commute

POLITICAL BLITZKRIEG

BJP has grand plans for Old Mysuru

Party begins groundwork to spread its footprint in Cong-JDS stronghold

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THERE is a strategy afoot in the BJP to mount a soft offensive on the Congress-JDS stronghold of Old Mysuru, and spread its footprint in this Vokkaliga bastion. The party has had little traction here, and consistently failed to get a foothold.

National BJP president J P Nadda had raised the issue at a meeting while addressing newly-elected office-bearers of the Karnataka BJP, prompting party leaders to hammer out a plan for the region. State unit president MP Nalin Kumar Kateel is holding a meeting with party office-bearers on Wednesday to brainstorm and work out a plan for Old Mysuru. The BJP is looking to restructure its units and build booth-level cadre, as it has little or no presence or support at the panchayat and ward level.

Old Mysuru region in South Karnataka consists of areas that were part of the erstwhile Kingdom of Mysore — Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Tumkur, Hassan, Kolar, Bengaluru — and excludes coastal areas and Kodagu.

Despite the BJP sweeping 25 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka and creating history by winning the KR Pet bypoll in Mandya district, its vote share has been very poor in 69 constituencies. Nadda had stressed that the BJP needs to spread its tentacles in this region dominated by the JDS and Congress, but knows it's a tough ask: a majority of 90 seats in Old Mysuru are in the kitty of the Congress or JDS.

Even during Amit Shah's tenure, the region had shown little interest in the BJP. The only place where the party has done well in the Old Mysuru area is Bengaluru city, and some pockets of Mysuru, said BJP general secretary and MLC Ravi Kumar. "We have classified the constituencies in the region into A, B and C. Most of them are either C or B, and we need to make them A constituencies with our programmes and policies," Kumar said.

The party, which had struggled to get workers as most of them were already aligned with the other two parties, will focus on the booth and panchayat level and lay special emphasis on expanding the party's organisational presence here.

Asked about it, Kateel said it is not to get more BJP members elected but to get a larger number of people to understand the party and get them to participate in their programmes. He is looking to assign office-bearers to each constituency.

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> Naleen Kumar Kateel, BJP state president

File picture of CM B S Yediyurappa and MP Sumalatha at KRS dam

BSY turns native, makes first move to win sugar bowl

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

SCARCELY has National BJP President JP Nadda called on the Karnataka unit to colour Old Mysuru saffron, than Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is on the job, starting the spadework to make inroads into the Congress-JDS bastion and Vokkaliga turf.

He is playing the native card in Mandya, keen to win over lakhs of farmers in the sugar bowl of Karnataka. With three government-run sugar factories — Mysugar, Pandavapura Cooperative Sugar Factory and Sriram Cooperative Sugar Factory in KR Nagar — lying defunct, Yediyurappa has seized the opportunity to reach out to the farming community by reviving the factories.

He managed to overcome opposition and the cabinet decided to lease out the factories to private players. Incidentally, BJP MLA Murugesh Nirani, a Yediyurappa loyalist, was awarded the bid for the Pandavapura and Sriram factories. The Pandavapura factory has resumed crushing of cane, bringing relief to farmers in the Pandavapura-Srirangapatna belt. New machinery is to be installed in Sriram factory in a year. Yediyurappa also decided to commission Mysugar, and put an end to cane growers' issues.

With these measures, he wants to ensure that rival parties are left with no core issues to raise, and the wind changes in the BJP's favour.

BJP leader Shivanna said the decision on factories will definitely have political implications in the days to come, besides making the JDS and Congress villains in the eyes of farmers. The BJP has also held a series of meetings on ways to capture former CM Siddaramaiah's turf Mysuru and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's Hassan, as both leaders are said to be losing political clout.

Congress to set up academy to groom leaders, train cadre

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

WITH the next assembly elections in mind, the Karnataka Congress is keen on setting up an academy to train its cadres and groom future leaders.

KPCC President DK Shivakumar on Tuesday chaired the first meeting of a committee under the leadership of KPCC Working President Satish Jarkiholi, aimed at setting up the 'Academy of Political Leadership and Governance'. The party hopes to introduce a one-year mandatory course at the proposed academy for its young workers, members of Indian Youth Congress and National Students' Union of India who aspire to be office-bearers.

"The idea is to have a permanent institution where we can groom leadership at the booth and panchayat levels, teach our history and ideology. On the governance front, the academy will look at policy intervention, administrative machinery etc," said a senior leader of the party.

Sources in the party say the Congress hopes to set up four institutions in four revenue divisions in the State.

A building belonging to Seva Dal in Belagavi and an existing party property in Udupi have been identified as possible sites to run the academy, and a hunt is on for locations in Bengaluru and Kalaburagi. "The target is to get the academy up and running at least a year before the next assembly polls in Karnataka. We are considering mandating a one-year course for all wings of the Congress in the academy," said a source who was present at the meeting.

Another key suggestion made at Tuesday's meeting was offering internships to students of politics, policy and research.

No one will be spared: Bommai

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ADDITIONAL police forces, including KSRP platoons, were rushed to the area following the incident and senior police officers, including City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant, visited the spot.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai warned, "We will take severe action against those who take the law into their own hands. Additional police forces are being deployed and the police have been given full freedom to bring situation under control. No individual, howsoever influential, will be spared."

Soon after the incident, the MLA released a video stating that someone has committed a mistake but there should be no violence over that. The law will take its course and he will ensure that the person who posted the comment is punished, he said. Srinivasa Murthy also told reporters that action should be taken against the accused P Naveen for posting derogatory messages and added that he doesn't support such activities. Naveen, however, claimed that his social media account had been hacked and said he will lodge a complaint. He was arrested late in the night after he surrendered, police said.

Police Commissioner Kamal Pant visits DJ Halli after a mob torched vehicles on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Chickpet MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan and some religious leaders later arrived at the spot and convinced the protesters.

KSE sticks to his comment on temples

ENS @Shivamogga

REACTING to Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's remarks about him, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa said, "Owaisi has expressed his feelings. But I think full-fledged temples of Krishna and Vishwanatha have to come up in Mathura and Kashi."

Owaisi had remarked, "The RSS instructed Eshwarappa to raise the issue of demolishing masjids."

Eshwarappa said, "Owaisi stated that through Dharma Sansad, a resolution will be passed to construct temples and clear masjids in both places. Later, the RSS and the BJP will take up the issue. If these are his feelings, I don't have any objections."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that **M/s. AN Gopalakrishna Setty & Sons,** a registered partnership firm, represented by its **Partners, Sri. AG Balaji Gupta** and **Smt. AN Leelavathi,** having its office at No. 32/3, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross Road, New Tharagupet, Bangalore - 560 002, is dissolved with effect from 31.03.2020, after settling the assets and liabilities of the firm.

A G Balaji Gupta & A N Leelavathi
No. 507/2, 1st Floor, New Diagonal Road, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560011.

VBR & Co.,
VB Ravishankar & VR Vinaykumar
Office at No. 258, 3rd Main Road, Chamarajpete, Bangalore - 560 018.
Bangalore, Date: 11.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Smt. Kalpana Gunda** W/o Mr. Gunda Naveen Kumar, I had loss the Sale Deed dated 26/03/2018 registered as Document No.13195/2017-18, Book-I, CD No.MDPD230 in respect of Flat No.D1104, Eleventh Floor, Sumadhura Silver Ripples, D Wing, Nallurahalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, I lodge a complaint in this aspect. Accordingly, today I intended to lodge a complaint in the concerned jurisdictional Police station to procure lost document. If anybody found the said the original Document please handover to the above said Address. Contact: 9900007938.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that One of my client is negotiating to purchase the property which is morefully particularly described in the schedule hereunder from its owner **Mrs. Rani William @ Sagaya Rani, W/o Mr X. William**, who has represented that she has clear and marketable title to the same. Any Person/S, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property and /or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/ or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within seven days (07) days from the date of publication, hereof, failing which will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete transaction with the present owners thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities..

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing site No 3-A, Sy No 141, Khata No 1411/3-A, situated at Kadugondanahalli, Kasabahobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Muncipal property No 5, 1st main Road, Kushalanagar, BBMP Ward No 94, PID No 94-127-5, Now comes under the BBMP ward No 30 Kadugondanahalli. Measuring East to West 60Ft and North to South 21Ft, In all Measuring 1260 sqft. And bounded on East by 30ft Road, West by private property, North by Property No 3, and South by Property No 2.

G.S. Hebsiba Selvamani
Kennedy & Kennedy Advocates,
No 1038, 5th Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore 560084.
Mob: 98458 94150. Date: 11-8-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client has entered into agreement to sell dated 10-08-2020 to purchase the schedule property from its owner/s Sri.T R Udaya Shankar, Son of Sri.T N Rajashekar, Aged about 50 years and Sri.Sai Keerthi alias T U Sai Kirthi, Son of Sri.T R Udaya Shankar, Aged about 20 years, Both are residing at No:2252, Ground Floor, Twenty Second Cross, Banashanakari Second Stage, Bangalore–560 070;

Any person, having any objections / claims on the schedule property may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such lawful claim with the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to complete the registration formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire first floor residential unit bearing Municipal No:2252/1 (constructed on the roof of the property bearing No:2252), with a built-up area of 1500 sq.ft. of RCC roofed structures, together with terrace rights, together with one car shed in the ground floor, together with 1,300 sq.ft. (one-half of 2,600 sq.ft.) of undivided share and interest in the land of the composite property, presently situated at Twenty Second Cross, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:166 (Old Ward No:56), PID No:56-16-2252/1, within the limits and administration of Karisandra Ward, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore & bounded on the:

East by : Site bearing No:2251;
West by : Site bearing No:2252/A;
North by : Road;
South by : Site bearing No:2242;

N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK, N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, Advocates
Rachana Law Associates
No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070
Ph : 97313 33880 Dt:11-08-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is negotiating to purchase the schedule mentioned property more fully described in the below schedule from its owners **1. Smt. Saroja Venkat Rao, Smt. Jayalakshmi Rao, Shri. C.S. Nagaraj, Shri. C.S. Shankarnarayan, Shri. C.S. Prabhakar, Smt. C.S. Nagarathna, Smt. Annapoorna, Smt. Anuradha** and **Shri. Shinivasa Murthy** No.2895, CH-01, Pampapathi Road, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru.

If any person has got any claim of right, Title Interest over the schedule mentioned property or dispute over the same, they are hereby requested/ called upon to lodge their whatsoever claim with documentary proof to the undersigned Advocate ***within 10 (Ten) days,*** otherwise, my client will proceed to finalize the sale transaction and any claim made thereafter, will not affect the right of my client in any manner.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the **property bearing No.2895, C.H.No.01, Situated at Pampapathi Road, Saraswathipuram, Chamaraja Mohalla, Mysuru.**

MEASUREMENT: 85.00+93.5 / 2 FEET X 38.00+59.00 /2 FEET, IN ALL: 4328.625 SQUARE FEET

BOUNDED ON:

East : Court Compound, **West :** Road, **North :** Road, **South :** Private Property.

Sd/-

K.V. Prasanna, *Bcom, LLB,* **Advocate,**
No.34/11, Vinoba Road, Sriramapet, MYSORE-570 001
Mobile: +91 94485 72781
Date: 11.08.2020 Place: Mysuru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client **SMT. ANUSUYA RAJASHEKAR.** is the sole and absolute owners of the Schedule Property and she proposes to sell the same.

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 07 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential unit bearing No.202 on the second Floor, having municipal number 2/4, PID Number 95-112-2/4 constructed and erected on residential property bearing old No.432 and Southern portion of Site No.433, House list No.568, situated at Kavalbyrasandra, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, present corporation No.2, 4th B Cross, M.M.layout, Bangalore-560 032, with 360 Square feet of undivided share, right, title and interest and having a plinth area measuring 650 Square feet along with one covered car parking area measuring East to West 12 Feet 06 Inches and North to South 7 Feet 06 Inches in the ground Floor, presently within local revenue limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, and bounded on (Boundaries to entire property number municipal number 02):

East by : Road
West by : Property No. 428 & 429
North by : Remaining portion of Property No.433 and
South by : Property No. 431.

H.K.GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross, 03rd Main, 08th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore – 560 070. Date: 10/08/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that the undersigned Advocates are investigating the title of Reddy Projects and Developers Private Limited ('Owner') in respect of all that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 85 measuring 5 Acres 19 Guntas (out of 10 Acres 06 Guntas) situated at Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk morefully described in the schedule below ("Schedule Property"). The Owner has represented that they are the absolute owner and in possession of the Schedule Property.

All persons having or claiming any form of right, title, claim, demand or interest in the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, maintenance, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, easement, trust, bequest, assignment or encumbrance of whatsoever nature or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever are hereby requested to intimate the undersigned in writing at the address mentioned below of any such claim accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims and that claims, if any, have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Survey No.85 measuring 5 Acres 19 Guntas (out of 10 Acres 06 Guntas) situated at Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on its:

East By : Survey No. 86;
West By : Survey No. 84;
North By : Survey No.87; and
South By : 50 feet road formed in Survey No.85 and thereafter remaining portion of Survey No. 85.

Sd. /-
N.K. Dilip / S. Raghu Nandana
Tatva Legal, Bangalore Advocates, 4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle, No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru 560 042.
Date: 12.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that our client **Mr. Ramesh.Y.C, S/o Chinnaiah,** Age 31 Years, Residing At, No.225/3B, G Floor, 2nd cross, Byrappa Block, T.R.Nagar, Bengaluru-560028. Has lost the original sale deed dated 16.12.2013 registered before Madanayakana Halli Sub registrar, Bengaluru. Numbered as Book No.1 MDL-1-05920-2013-14 CD No. MDLD173. Executed by Sri M.K.Asok. In favour of Kum. Kavitha Sankal. Property bearing Khata No.176 measuring east to West 40 fts. And North to South 30 fts. Total 1200 sq. Fts. Situated at Kadabagere Village. My client has lost the document at Near Anjaneya Temple T.R.Nagar, Bengaluru. In this regard my client has lodged a complaint at crime branch, Bengaluru City. Dated 10.06.2020, Vide lost report No.095782/2020. If any person found the said original sale deed, kindly inform/hand over to my client at above mentioned address. My client intended to sale the property. Hence anybody having any claims or rights over the property can write to the undersigned address within the 07 days from this notice. If any person misused said document or if any transaction has took place with respect to the said property, my client is not liable to such illegal transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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VASANTH .B.H., Advocate
No.693, 32nd Main, 1st Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560078. (M) 9916158808.
DATE: 11.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Smt. Nagamma W/o late P. Arumugam, Aged about 78 years, No.20, 7th Cross, Muniyalappa Garden, Doddigunta, Cox Town, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560005, do hereby declare that on 18.03.2020 while I was travelling in BMTC Bus at Shivajinagara to BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru I have lost one file contained 1) Trust Deed Registered Document No.1345/1961-62, Book No.1, Volume No.1127, Page No.192-197 which was registered before the Sub-Registrar Office, Shivajinagara, Bangalore, 2) Sale Deed 3) Tax Paid 4) KEB Bills including Khatha Extract and Khatha Certificate. Inspite of my best efforts, I could not trace the same and in this regard on 20.06.2020, I had lodged a police complaint to the Pulikeshi Nagar Police Station, Pulikeshi Nagar, and Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City Police. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me Smt. Nagamma on my Mob: 9886495996 or my advocate, U. Byregowda, No.107/1, Oppo: Kino Talkies, S. C. Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru -560 020, Mob: 9845549757.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase Flat bearing No.303, 3rd Floor, 6th Main Road, Garakamanthnapalya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore, **measuring 1367 Square feet** of Super built up area, the building known as **"SCION PROPERTIES"** which is morefully described in the Schedule below from its owner **Can Fin Homes Ltd., No. 58, First Floor, 6th Cross, Raghuvanahalli, Opposite YDIT, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560062.**

The above named person has represented that it is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

Any person / institution having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above transaction between my client and the owner **Can Fin Homes Ltd.,** is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file their objections/claims along-with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has a clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained nor binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Flat bearing No.303, 3rd Floor,** 6th Main Road, Garakamanthnapalya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore, BBMP PID No. 364/90/303, **measuring 1367 Square feet** of Super built up area, with consist of Three Bed Rooms, Pooja Room, Hall, Kitchen and Bathroom, along with 30% of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land in Schedule 'A' Property, and One Covered Car Parking Space, the building known as **"SCION PROPERTIES"** situated at Land bearing No. 60/4, Garakamanthanapalya in Byrasandra Grama, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore, bounded on the East by : Remaining land in Same Sy.No. 60/4, West by: Road, North by: Conservancy, South by: Road & Private Property.

CHANDRASHEKAR, Advocate
No. 251, 1st Stage, 12th Cross, BEML Layout, Basaweshwaranagar, Bangalore-79.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that our client is interested purchasing vacant site bearing **No.1241/C,** in the Layout formed by the BDA in BTM Layout, 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore, measuring **East to West: 18.28 Mts.** and **North to South:12.19 Mts.,** measuring in all **222.83 Sq.Mts.** of site area, presently coming under the BBMP limits having BBMP Khatha No.**391/1241/C,** from its present owner **Sri. SHARANA GOUDA A PATIL,** aged about 47 years, S/o Late. Sri.Annadana Gouda Patil, residing at: 'PunyaNilaya', Tasildar Office Road, Lingasagur, Lingasagur Taluk, Raichur District, Karnataka.

Any person/s having any claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s for the sale of the Schedule Property, may register their claim/s, right, title, interest or objections/s, with documentary proof supporting such claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s **within 10 days** of the publication of this **PUBLIC NOTICE** to the address given below.

My client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property if no claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s is received within 10 days. My client is **not responsible** for any claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s received after registration of the Absolute Sale Deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of Vacant site bearing **No.1241/C,** in the Layout formed by the BDA in BTM Layout, 4th Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore, measuring **East to West: 18.28 Mts.** and **North to South: 12.19 Mts.,** measuring in all **222.83 Sq.Mts.** of site area, presently coming under the BBMP limits having BBMP Khatha No.**391/1241/C,** and bounded on

East by: Property bearing **No.1210 & 1211**, West by: Road, North by: Property bearing **No.1241/D**, South by: Property bearing **No.1241/B**

B.R. DwarakaNath, Advocate
No. 407/8, 4th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar (W), Bengaluru-560 070.
Mob: 97412 53443
Bengaluru, Date: 12-08-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client Mr.B.SAMUEL JOHNSON has intent to purchase the Property bearing **Sy Nos.152/3, measuring 2 Acre, Sy No. 152/2, measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas, Sy No.162/2, measuring 38 Guntas, Sy No.171/2, measuring 1 Acre, of Batlahalli Village, Munganahalli Hobli, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapur District.** from it's present Owner **Mr. Saji.P.F S/o Late.PM.F**

And also purchase the Property bearing **Sy Nos.151/4, measuring 1 Acre and Sy No.161/2, measuring 1 Acre, Sy No.36/p-2, measuring 2 Acre 22 Guntas of Batlahalli Village, Munganahalli Hobli, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapur District and Sy No.71/p-4, 11 Gunts of Konapura Village from** it's present Owners **Mr. C.Gokul S/o Sri.V.Chinnappa & Family.**

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 8 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

SRI VINAYAKA ASSOCIATES,
Advocates,
No.999/8, Second Floor, 5th Cross, ORR, Horamavu, Bangalore-560 043.
Mob: 9591720993 & 9731138506

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The above named person has represented that it is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

Any person / institution having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above transaction between my client and the owner **Can Fin Homes Ltd.,** is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file their objections/claims along-with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owner has a clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained nor binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Flat bearing No.303, 3rd Floor,** 6th Main Road, Garakamanthnapalya, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore, BBMP PID No. 364/90/303, **measuring 1367 Square feet** of Super built up area, with consist of Three Bed Rooms, Pooja Room, Hall, Kitchen and Bathroom, along with 30% of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land in Schedule 'A' Property, and One Covered Car Parking Space, the building known as **"SCION PROPERTIES"** situated at Land bearing No. 60/4, Garakamanthanapalya in Byrasandra Grama, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore, bounded on the East by : Remaining land in Same Sy.No. 60/4, West by: Road, North by: Conservancy, South by: Road & Private Property.

CHANDRASHEKAR, Advocate
No. 251, 1st Stage, 12th Cross, BEML Layout, Basaweshwaranagar, Bangalore-79.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that, my client **Smt. V. Lakshmi W/o G. Chandrashekhar,** aged about 32 years, R/at No. 108, Mothinagar, A K Ashram, 5th Main, 6th Cross, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-560032 intend to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. Munivenkatamma W/o Late N.Rangappa, her children and Grand Children,** R/at No.29, 7th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 032 who represent that, they are the absolute owners of the schedule property.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever, in the schedule property, they may lodge their objections or claim in writing to the undersigned along with documentary proof **within 15 days** from this date of publication, if no objections received within the stipulated period, my client shall treat the same, that no one have any objection or any claim, right, title, interest over the same and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above persons, without any further notice.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the western portion of the property bearing site No.20 (Old No.16 & 17), situated at 8th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R.T.Nagar, BBMP Ward No.85, Bengaluru-560 032, bounded on the:

East by : Remaining portion of same site No.20
West by : Property belongs to N.Veerappa.
North by : Road,
South by : Property belongs to N.Jayamma Rangalakshmamma.

M. RAMACHANDRAPPA, Advocate, No.73/1, 27th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 002. Mob: 98458 26988

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Singasandra Branch
Bengaluru
e-mail :cb4785@canarabank.com
Ph : 080 -25743262

Possession Notice

[Section 13(4)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 31.12.2019** calling upon the borrower **Sri Venkatanarayana Babu Prop. M/s. Adhitya Constructions** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.4082762/-** (Rupees Forty lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **Seventh day of August 2020**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.4082762/-** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

1. EMT of the Property bearing Flat No. 308, 3rd Floor, C "Towers", Malpe Block made by M/s Greens situated at Attibele Anekal Road, Bangalore under Survey No. 33,35/3,35/4,174 of Karpura Village and Survey No. 225, 184/5 and 189 measuring Flat of 750 sq.ft.

2. EMT of the Property bearing Flat No.008, Ground Floor, C "Towers", Malpe Block made by M/s Greens situated at Attibele Anekal Road, Bangalore under Survey No. 33,35/3,35/4,174 of Karpura Village and Survey No. 224, 184/5 and 189 measuring Flat of 750 sq.ft.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 07.08.2020

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

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AXIS BANK LIMITED
Structured Assets Group: Axis House, 7th Floor, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400 025. Phone: (M) 9820730811

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE / E-AUCTION

{As per Appendix IV-A read with rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002}

E-Auction / Sale Notice for Sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Axis Bank Limited viz. Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is" basis on 28th August, 2020 i.e. Friday,** for recovery of ₹ 190,30,58,067/- (Rupees One Hundred Ninety Crore Thirty Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Seven) as on May 31, 2019 together with further interest thereon and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to Axis Bank Limited viz. the Secured Creditor from Lotus Shopping Centres Pvt. Ltd. ("Borrower"), Lotus Three Development Ltd., Mauritius ("Guarantor") and G-Corp Lotus Mall Private Limited (Mortgagor / Guarantor) under the Term Loan Facility of ₹ 150 Crore availed by the Borrower. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit is given below.

Reserve Price : ₹ 137.75 Crore
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : ₹ 13,77,50,000/-

1. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of undeveloped Industrial Converted Survey No. 15/2 of Kenchanahalli Village, MO No. BDS in ALN SR 3675, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, thereof an extent of 2 Acres, together consisting of Farm House of 23 square RCC Redoxide flooring, Poultry Farm of 38 Square AC sheet, Cattle Shed of 3 Square AC Sheet, Shops of 7 Square RCC roof Redoxide flooring, worker shed of 4 Square AC Sheet and Pump House of 1½ Square AC Sheet and having electric installation and bounded on the:
   East by: Sy. No. 15/1 **West by:** Sy. No. 17
   North by: Bangalore Mysore Road **South by:** Sy. No. 16 and part of Sy. No. 15/2
2. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of undeveloped Commercially Converted Survey No. 15/2 of Kenchanahalli Village, vide order no. ALN SR (S) 27/2001-02, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, thereof an extent of 3 Acres 18 Guntas, together with two wells, pumpset and 2 Square RCC pump house and 15 squares AC sheet cow shed and having electric installation and bounded on the:
   East by: Sy. No. 15/1 **West by:** Sy. No. 16
   North by: Property belonging to Vendor **South by:** Vrushabhavathi Valley
3. All that piece and parcel of land being a portion of Survey No. 16 of Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, of extent of 6.6 Guntas (1/8th share in the extent of 1 Acre 13 Guntas) converted for Industrial use vide order No. ALN (S) SR (K): 125/07-08, dated 06/01/2009 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore and bounded as follows:
   East by: Property of Thimmegowda **West by:** Property of G-Corp Lotus Mall Pvt Ltd
   North by: Property of G-Corp Lotus Mall Pvt Ltd **South by:** Remaining portion Sy.No. 16 belonging to Vendors
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   East by: Property of Thimmegowda **West by:** Property of Chikkanna
   North by: Property of Thimmegowda **South by:** Remaining portion Sy.No.16 belonging to Sri Hanumanth and Smt. Narasamma

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-notices/ and/or https://axisbank.auctiontiger.net**

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TRACKING COVID-19

Ports and Fisheries Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary said fishing labourers from outside the state must undergo quarantine in their boats if they don't have a Covid -ve certificate

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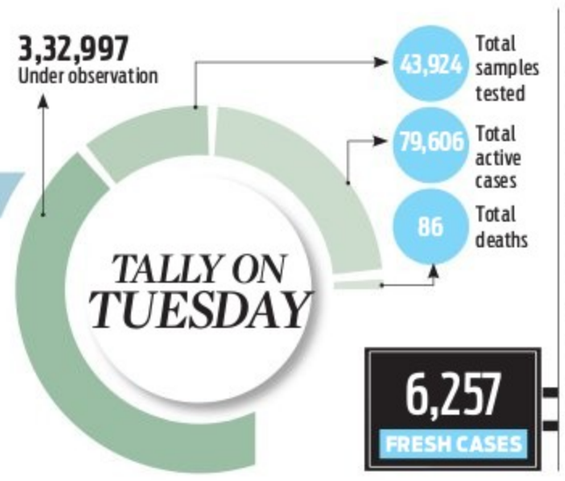

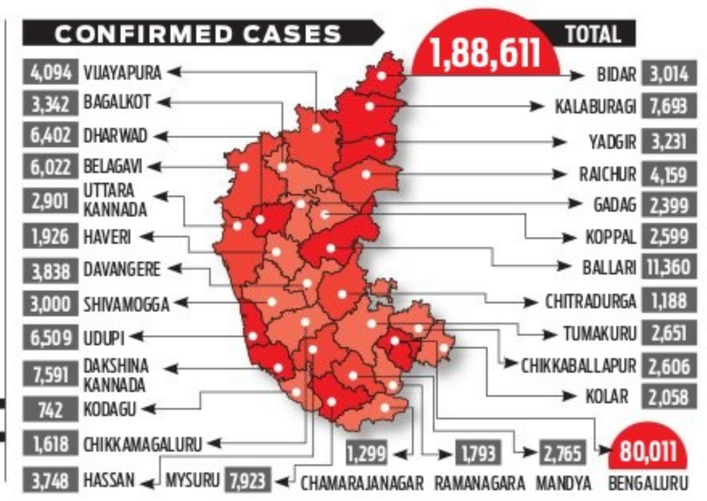

ASYMPTOMATIC FORCED INTO CCCs

No BBMP official checks on these patients to see whether they need admission, says relative

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

PEOPLE who are asymptomatic Covid-positive patients and have a family doctor monitoring them are being forced to go into Covid Care Centres (CCCs) by BBMP officials. This despite medical advice from doctors that home isolation will suffice, as patients are not suffering from cough, cold or fever. Also, no officials come to check on these patients to see whether they need CCC admission.

Naveen's 40-year-old wife got a call from the BBMP that she was positive. Their physician, Dr T R Chandrasekhar, who is a member of Critical Care Society, Bengaluru and intensivist, Institute of Gastroenterology Organ Transplant, (IGOT), Victoria Hospital, deemed her fit for home isolation. But the BBMP officials were in no mood to listen to the family.

"They insisted that a CCC was the only option and told us that home quarantine was withdrawn 10-12 days ago. When I asked for a document to prove it, they did not have any. It was a harrowing experience and I got calls from multiple officials asking us to shift her to the CCC and one officer even threatened to go to cops if we did not agree," Naveen told TNIE.

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>
> Naveen, Covid patient's husband

After a lot of persuasion and mentioning that a doctor from Victoria Hospital was monitoring them, a consent form was sent by BBMP for them to sign. It stated that they are under home quarantine on their own will and against advice from the BBMP.

After an inter-state returnee tested positive in Keerthi's apartment, one of the five family members, who is a 20-year-old woman, tested positive, on Tuesday. She too had no symptoms.

"They have a 3 BHK house with attached bathrooms in bedrooms, which was sufficient for her to be under home quarantine. We have been fighting very hard with the local PHC doctor who is hell-bent on sending her to a Sri Sri Ayurveda Hospital which is a CCC. No BBMP official came to assess the patient to declare whether she is fit for home quarantine or CCC," Keerthi P K said,

Even people from the Apthamitra helpline called the patient urging her to go to a CCC. Later in the evening, only after reports of tele-consultation with their family doctor stating she is fit for home quarantine were sent to the PHC doctor, did BBMP stop pursuing them. BBMP Commissioner Manjunath Prasad and Special Commissioner of Public Health D Randeep were unavailable for comment.

Poor management haunts private ambulance services on Covid duty

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

LACK of systematic release of funds and allegations of agencies that rope in private ambulances for Covid-19 duty "taking a cut" from payments made to owners of these ambulances have made several ambulance drivers either not responding to calls or catering to non-Covid emergency calls to make a quicker and bigger buck.

This has compromised the response time to emergency calls from Covid patients. Officials from the disaster management team, requesting anonymity, alleged that private ambulances roped in for Covid cases are being mismanaged. BBMP pays private ambulances anywhere between ₹1,30,000 and ₹1,50,000 per month.

But many ambulance owners and drivers TNIE spoke to alleged that agencies that rope in ambulances for the BBMP are pocketing ₹30,000-50,000 from payments due to ambulance owners.

"We get only ₹1 lakh and the rest is taken by middlemen," alleged a private ambulance owner, who has rented out five of his vehicles.

Another ambulance driver said, "Since we are not getting much work, we are worried about our payments. I had given my vehicle in March, and money is pending since July. The intermediary agencies take a cut. Many drivers don't want to work when government agencies call, as they prefer private parties so that they get more money in addition to the rental from the BBMP."

On delayed response, Saqib Idrees, a volunteer working as an ambulance driver, said, "It takes 6-7 hours for an ambulance to reach a Covid patient. Once the patient calls 108, it takes an hour to confirm the case. Then, the bed has to be confirmed. After the hospital reserves the bed, they have to inform the helpline. Only then, the ambulance is sent."

The 108 helpline has 711 ambulances and has roped in 73 private ambulances. Dr Swathanthrakumar Banakar, Deputy Director and Nodal Officer, 108 GVK Emergency Management & Research Institute, said, "Right now, private ambulances do not have much work since the BBMP has hired many ambulances. We pay ₹1,50,000 to private parties." Data revealed that the BBMP has hired 720 private ambulances, of which 103 are Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances, 433 are vans converted to BLS ambulances, and remaining 184 are running as vans.

D Randeep, nodal officer in charge of ambulances in BBMP, said, "The ambulances were hired through various agencies, which give us an estimate or a bill. Our zonal officers will then verify the bill based on their records. The agencies would have paid the drivers every month. But we are yet to release funds." Joint Commissioner (Finance), BBMP, Venkatesh T too confirmed this.

CRITICAL PATIENTS

Biomarkers help: US study; state is already using them

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

BLOOD tests of Covid patients can help detect more critical cases earlier on to prevent their condition from worsening.

Researchers from the George Washington University (GW) have found five biomarkers associated with higher odds of clinical deterioration and death among Covid patients. Experts in Bengaluru said that these biomarkers are already part of the treatment protocol in state and country.

The study, published in Future Medicine, said the findings will help physicians predict better.

"When we started treating Covid patients, we watched them get better or get worse, but we didn't know why," said Juan Reyes, MD, co-author of the study and assistant professor of medicine at the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences. "Some initial studies had come out of China showing certain biomarkers were associated with bad outcomes. There was a desire to see if that was true for patients in the US."

The research team evaluated 299 Covid patients. Of them, 200 had all five biomarkers being evaluated — IL-6, D-dimer, CRP, LDH and ferritin. Elevated levels of these markers were associated with inflammation and bleeding disorder, showing an increased risk for ICU admission, ventilatory support and death. The highest odds of death occurred when the LDH level was greater than 1200 units/l and a D-dimer level higher than mg/ml.

Dr Pradeep Rangappa, national vice-president, Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine, and part of the state's Covid expert committee, said all intensivists at district hospitals have been

given these biomarkers. "Earlier, physicians determined risk for Covid deterioration and death based on age and underlying medical conditions, like immunocompromised state, obesity and heart disease. We then took the Chinese study published in Lancet and now follow serial trends," he said.

Based on a person's blood report, intensivists look for these biomarker levels. "We also look at D Dimers which show the risk of clot formations in the blood vessels leading to heart attacks or vein thrombosis or strokes. We then treat such patients with blood thinners. Also, IL6 indicates cytokine storms," he said.

WHEN WILL WE LEARN?

Passengers crowd a bus stop on Cunningham Road, in Bengaluru, violating social distancing norms on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

COVID WATCH

May hike insurance cover for Covid workers: State to HC

The State government on Tuesday informed the HC that it is considering enhancing the insurance cover for workers on the frontline, from ₹30 lakh to ₹50 lakh. The government's submission to a bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar came in response to the court's order to bring insurance cover for Covid workers in the state on par with Central government workers. The bench observed that prima facie, there was no difference between the duties performed by state and central government Covid workers, and the State should consider hiking the amount.

Test disparity: Lab staff catching virus an issue

IFFATH FATHIMA & RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

AMONG the 17 districts falling under Bengaluru and Mysuru revenue divisions, a major disparity can be seen in the number of samples tested per day, as per official data from the Covid-19 war room.

Statistics from 34 Covid labs in Bengaluru, Kolar, Shivamogga, Davanagere, Tumakuru, Kolar and Mandya showed that 13 labs are testing less than 50 per cent their capacity, 24 labs less than 100 per cent and 10 labs more than 100 per cent.

At Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College, Kolar, the testing capacity is 200 per day, but only 24 tests are being conducted, which is just 12 per cent. But at NIMHANS, Bengaluru, which can test 500 samples a day, 900 samples are being sent, which is 180 per cent above its target. At the IISc lab, the daily capacity is 300, but zero samples have been tested in the last three days.

Of the 11 labs under Mysuru division, three are testing less than 50 per cent of their capacity, five below 100 per cent, and six above 100 per cent.

Dr C N Manjunath, nodal officer for testing in the state, said, "Some labs are being closed for fumigation after staffers test positive, and they need to be shut for 24-48 hours. In some cases, there is a disparity because labs have a much higher testing capacity than others, like at NIV, NIMHANS and BMCRI."

The state government is now targeting 20,000 RT-PCR tests and 20,000-25,000 Rapid Antigen tests per day, which amounts to 40,000-50,000 tests.

"The shortage of lab technicians and data entry operators at government labs has been addressed by filling up vacancies," he said.

Dr Shalini Rajneesh, the IAS officer in charge of testing, said, "Normally, we reach full capacity, but when staffers test positive, there's nothing we can do."

Hold exams for final-year medicos, state tells PM Modi

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and Dr Sudhakar and later told the media that the PM specified that whenever there is a fresh Covid case, the primary and secondary contacts should be mandatorily traced and identified within three days, which can help bring down mortality rates.

Dr Sudhakar also added that in addition to doubling medical seats, they are also seeking that a medical student compulsorily do a one-year stint in rural areas.

Conducting the exams for the final-year medical students will make more trained medical professionals available, he added.

Karnataka's request to double the number of medical seats found support from neighbouring Telangana, where Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao too emphasised that having more trained medical graduates will help.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar

Sudhakar also told the PM that the number of testing labs will be increased to 100 by the end of August from a mere two in the beginning of March, and the number of tests will be increased to 75,000 per day from the present 50,000 tests.

The number of ambulances have increased from 800 to 2,000. Booth-level teams have fanned out to spread awareness, identify those with SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infections) and ILI (Influenza-Like Illness) symptoms, test them and trace their contacts, he added.

Now, 7-day home quarantine after being discharged

ENS @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a SC direction, the State has made changes in the discharge criteria for Covid patients. Patients now have to undergo seven days of home isolation with self-monitoring after discharge, while it was 14 days earlier. The clause for 14-day home quarantine for severely ill patients after discharge has been removed.

Covid patients can be released from home isolation after 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or date of sampling, and no fever for three days. Thereafter, they have to isolate for seven days and self-monitor, and there will be no further testing. A fitness certificate will be issued by an area medical officer.

Asymptomatic as well as mild and moderate patients will be discharged 10 days after the Covid positive test if they meet certain criteria. They will not need a repeat test. Severe patients, including immune-compromised HIV, transplant and malignancy patients will have to undergo a repeat test.

Karnataka sees over 1 lakh discharges

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THE state has crossed a total of 1 lakh discharges at 1,055,99 after it saw 6,473 people walking out of hospitals on Tuesday. The total number of positive cases on Tuesday was 6,257 and the state's total tally is now at 1,88,611.

The number of discharges was higher than the positive cases on Tuesday.

As many as 86 deaths were reported and the active number of cases in the state is now at 79,606 with a recovery rate of 55.99%. The mortality rate is at 1.80%.

Bengaluru Urban saw 1,610 positive cases and 17 deaths. The city now has 33,070 active cases. Mysuru recorded 11 deaths, while Dakshina Kannada saw nine.

There were 699 patients in ICU and of them 329 are from Bengaluru Urban.

Ballari ranked second with 736 Covid cases followed by Belagavi with 575. Dharwad recorded 276 while Dakshina Kannada saw 243 cases.

One patient was brought dead to the hospital in Koppal on Monday.

LABOURING OVER IT

Gosha Hospital to be Covid maternity facility

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

WITH a large number of pregnant women testing positive for Covid and many turning up at the trauma care centre of Victoria Hospital, the government has now identified Gosha Hospital in Shivajinagar as a dedicated Covid maternity facility. The hospital will have 80 dedicated beds for pregnant Covid-positive patients and will start functioning in the next two days.

The Gosha Hospital comes under the Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute. Dr Manoj Kumar H V, Dean and Director of Bowring Institute said, "Since there was an overload of patients at Victoria Hospital, the government identified Gosha Hospital as a dedicated Covid maternity hospital. Those who test negative for Covid will be sent to Vani Vilas Hospital."

"The hospital was to start functioning from Monday, but there are staff constraints as many are under quarantine. Additional staff will be deployed from Bangalore Medical College Research Institute (BMCRI). Right now, there are only a few PG students and doctors and we are waiting for more staff. For emergencies, we have identified 13 beds at Bowring Hospital and some are admitted here. After Gosha Hospital starts functioning, we will shift them there," Dr Manoj added.

Dr Anitha G S, Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, BMCRI, said there are 200 pregnant patients at the Victoria Hospital trauma care centre and the patient load is only increasing. "The deliveries for Covid patients so far have been successful. We are even looking after non-Covid patients and we conduct about 30 deliveries daily. But since Covid cases are increasing, the government is identifying a separate hospital," said Dr Anitha.

Meanwhile, Vani Vilas Hospital has conducted 198 deliveries during the pandemic, with 200 babies including four pairs of twins. "The first 100 babies were delivered between May 9 and July 17. The next 100 babies were delivered in just 23 days between July 17 and August 10. Most of the deliveries were normal deliveries and both the babies and mothers are fine," Dr Anitha added.

MYSURU ADVOCATE FILES PLEA AGAINST COMED-K A PIL was filed before the Karnataka High Court seeking directions to postpone the Comed-K 2020 scheduled for August 19. Pointing at the pandemic situation, Mysuru-based advocate Abdulla Mannan Khathe requested the court to declare the notification issued to conduct Comed-K as unconstitutional, "to safeguard around 70,000 students who are appearing for the qualification exam".

PATRIOTIC VERVE

Passersby check out the Indian Tricolour on sale near Hebbal, in preparation for Independence Day on August 15, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Rly loco pilot abducted from airport, robbed

With hands tied and gagged, cab driver, accomplice drag the man to an ATM in Tumakuru and demand cash

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A loco pilot attached to the Bengaluru Railway Division was allegedly abducted by the driver of a cab he hired from Kempegowda International Airport early on Tuesday, robbed of his mobile phones and money and dumped at Kadur in Chikkamagalur district, about 20 km from Bengaluru. The loco pilot, however, managed to escape from there.

According to railway sources, Sonu Kumar Singh, employed at Yeshwantpur railway station, reached the airport from Patna at 1.20 am on Tuesday. "He hired the cab of an aggregator from the airport to his residence in K R Puram. After covering about 2 km and crossing one of the toll gates, the driver stopped for tea. There, another person joined them in the car. Singh objected to it, but the driver convinced him that the other person was his friend who needed to be dropped off as it was late," a top official said.

A few minutes later, the duo, aged around 35 and speaking in both Kannada and English, tied Singh's hands and gagged him with a handkerchief. They drove up to Tumakuru where they took him to an ATM and withdrew close to Rs 20,000 using his ATM card. An auto driver joined them there and collected the money.

"According to Singh, the abductors asked him to call up his family in Bihar and deposit Rs 2 lakh through Google Pay. His family did not have the money. He then called up five of his colleagues and they have quickly deposited money in his account. The abductors managed to transfer nearly Rs 1 lakh using his phone to one of their accounts," the sources said.

They snatched both his personal phone and the CUG phone given by the Railways.

They drove up to Kadur. "The duo went to have alcohol at a highway dhaba leaving Singh inside the cab. He managed to escape and hitched a ride on a two-wheeler and reached Kadur police station. He later reached the railway station and railway officials in Bengaluru were alerted about his plight. Officials in Arasikere escorted him to Bengaluru on Tuesday evening," police said. An FIR will be filed at the Airport Police Station, police added.

"The information received is completely the version of the loco pilot. It needs to be verified," a top railway official said.

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> Railway sources

Cops, officials rescue bonded labourers from borewell unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KODIGEHALLI police and Labour Department officials rescued five bonded labourers from a borewell digging unit in Sahakara Nagar, on Monday. The bonded labourers, all men aged 18-27 years, hailed from Betul district in Madhya Pradesh.

The rescue operation was conducted after one of the labourer's father informed an NGO in MP and the district administration there contacted the officials in Bengaluru.

The International Justice Mission (IJM), an NGO which supported the operation, stated in a press release that among the rescued, four were working at the unit since November 2019, while another had joined them in June.

"The labourers were informed about the work when the owner's visiting card was passed on to them in their village in Betul. They called the owner to enquire and he promised them ₹10,000 as monthly salary. However, they were not paid the promised wage and were only given ₹200 to ₹1,000 each, only if any urgent need arose. They did get accommodation and were forced to live in a truck," the release stated.

"The labourers said they could only eat two meals a day due to scarcity of ration and the available time to cook. Their work started from 6am and continued till whenever the day's borewell digging was completed, which was often late at night. When the labourers asked the owner for their wages, he would tell them that he will put it into their bank accounts soon, however, this never happened. The labourers also stated that every month they would seek permission to return home, especially after the pandemic began. But, the owner said they could leave only when he got replacements. This way, the owner held them as bonded labourers, exploited them and did not even pay them the prescribed minimum wages," the release added.

A case has been registered under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976 at the Kodigehalli police station in this connection.

CRIME PATROL

CCB nabs 2 Nigerians for drug peddling, seize cocaine

The CCB sleuths on Monday arrested two Nigerians on Monday for alleged narcotics drug peddling. The police seized around 14.5 gram of cocaine worth Rs 3 lakh. The arrested are Christian Ozoemena Chimerie (20) and Okonknwo Benjamin Chukwudi (30), both residents of Agrahara Layout in North-East Bengaluru. Police said Chukwudi came to India on business visa while Chimerie on student visa. Later they began procuring drugs from another Nigerian peddler, who is still at large.

Girl ends life after failing in SSLC exam, no suicide note

A 16-year-old girl, who failed her SSLC exam, allegedly committed suicide in her house in Mahadevapura soon after results were announced on Monday. The deceased, Sandhya, is the daughter of daily wagers, and was studying in a government school. Police said she hanged herself around 6 pm in her room when her mother was busy with chores. However, there was no suicide note found.

Five held for killing auto driver

Mico Layout police on Monday arrested five men for killing an auto driver. The deceased Mani S (27) was found dead at a bus stand a week ago. The accused are Santhosh, Alexander, Deelip, Vijay and Vishal, all residents of BTM Layout. A police officer said that Mani's brother Lokesh had gotten into a fight with the gang over a trivial issue, and Mani had intervened on his behalf. On August 3, the five had followed Mani and stabbed him repeatedly, at NS Palya, before escaping.

IN MEMORY

Bizman brings dead wife 'back to life'

SHREEPADA AYACHIT @Koppal

A house cannot be complete without a family! That's what a businessman here did for his house warming ceremony. He brought his late wife back to life much to the surprise of his relatives. He had a statue of his wife to fill the gap.

Srinivas Gupta of Bhagyanagar was a happily married man with a wife and two daughters. However, fate had willed otherwise, as he lost his wife Madhavi in a road accident three years ago in 2017.

Madhavi had dreamt of building a new house of her choice of design and interiors. Gupta, who vowed to fulfil that dream by building a new house, went a step ahead by 'recreating' her, needless to say with the help of artists.

Srinivas Gupta with the statue of his wife Madhavi in Koppal | EXPRESS

'Bombe Mane' artists of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat in Bengaluru built a statue of Madhavi in a sitting posture using silicon and rubber materials.

Venkatesh of Bhagyanagar, who attended the ceremony said "Such was the deft work of the artists that the statue looked like a reincarnation of Madhavi. It was as if it was she herself who welcomed the relatives at the ceremony". In fact, the daughters were so happy that they felt their mother was with them on the joyous occassion, while guests were also surprised.

However, an emotional Gupta refused to divulge any further details. "My wife continues to be invaluable to me, as she is in my heart," Gupta told *TNIE*.

DOCUMENTS LOST

I, **SHIVASHAKTHI** W/o Ponnachi Mahadeva Swamy residing at No. 2, New No. 12, 10th Main, II Cross, Gururaja Layout, BSK III Stage, Bangalore-560 085 do here by declare that I have lost the Absolute Saledeed in between 30-7-2020 to 31-7-2020 of House No. 2, New No. 12. PID No. 55-101-12. Inspite of best efforts, I could not trace the same and in this regard on 10-8-2020 16-19 hours. I had lodged police complaint crime branch E-lost document Thyagarajanagar police station limit, Bangalore City Police vide lost report No. 095720/2020 if anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me on 7676766776. **Shivashakthi.**

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI

C.Mis. No. 128/2020

Petitioner: Jayamma, -V/s-

Respondent: Tahasildar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner above named has filed the above petition against the Respondent for obtaining the death certificate of petitioner daughter by name Bhagyamma D/o Krishnappa was died on 14/2/2010 at Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk.

And whereas the above petition is fixed for hearing on **29/08/2020** at 11am before the Additional Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli. You are hereby summoned who are interest on this regard to appear to answer the same, if you failing which the petition will be disposed of an enquiry.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 10/08/2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

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Off. No. 58, 1st Floor, JM Arcade,
Shanthinagar, Devanahalli Town,
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IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA

C.MISC No.168/2020

Between: Smt. Arnapoorna.H, Late. Hanumaiah, Aged about 24 years, R/at. Chikka Maranahalli Colony, Chikka Maranahalli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562123. ...Petitioner

AND: The Tahasildar, (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Nelamangala Taluk, Nelamangala. ...Respondents

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble Court U/S 13(3) of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct to the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner's **Mother** by name **Jayalakshmamma W/o. Late. Hanumaiah was died on 27-06-2010 at Chikmaranahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.** The Hon'ble Court has fixed the **date: 13-08-2020** for hearing of the petitioners and that of any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed **at 11 AM.** Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the **Court on 7/8/2020.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala

Advocate for Petitioner
Sri Manjunath.M, Sri.Chandrashekar.T,
M.M.Legal Association, Near Krushi Ekake, Lohith Nagara, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District. **Ph: 9902097402.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that our Clients **Smt. Shakilaa Manohara Rao** and **Abhilash. M** are proposes to purchase the schedule property from **D. Sarvanan S/o Durairasu** the owner of the schedule property. Any persons having any claims over the Schedule Property or having any objections to the proposed transaction may contact the undersigned **within 10 (TEN) days** along with documents from the date of this publication. Claims and objections received after the period of 7 days will not be binding on our clients and our clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property on the basis that no person has any objection to purchase of the schedule property by our clients.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No.12, Old Khatha No.51/1, House List Katha No.124/51/1, Present BBMP Khatha No.124/51/I, Situated at Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, now comes under limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.54, measuring **East to West 30 Feet** and **North to South (25 + 23)/2 Feet,** totally measuring to an extent of 720 square feet, along with 6 Squares R.C.C . Roofed Building constructed thereon and bounded as follows: On the **East By :** Site No. 13, **West By:** Site N0.11, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Private Property.

M.ANAND, Advocate,
No.22, 2nd Floor, Near Canara Bank, Opp: Sub-Registrar Office, Begur, Bengaluru-560114.
Mob No: 9845343337

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Shyamlal, S/o Sri. Mangilal Prajapath, Aged about 40 years, R/at No.603/616, 80 feet road, BSK III Stage, II Phase, Hosa kerehalli Cross, Bengaluru-85 had entered into an Agreement of Sale dated: 14-11-2019 with the land owners Sri. Rajgopala B. G and Smt. Hanumakka in order to purchaser the Agricultural lands in Old Sy. No. 3/3, New Sy. No. 3/4 measuring 0-17 ½ guntas and land in Sy. No. 3/2 measuring 32 guntas and land in Sy. No. 3/1 measuring 1 acre 29 guntas totally measuring 3 acres 4½ guntas of land all situated at Kannamangala Village, Channapatna Taluk Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara District. I hereby caution the general public not to enter into any kind of transaction in respect of the above said agricultural lands with Sri. Rajgopala B. G and Smt. Hanumakka.

LOKESHA.G, Advocate,
No.235, 8th Main, Byrasandra, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560011.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client Sri. P.Hariharan, S/o Late. P.G. Subramanian that being the absolute owner and in peaceful possession of the Property, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder, has decided to sell the said Schedule Property.

Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the Schedule Property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, Rent, Lease, Maintenance, inheritance, possession, lien, hypothecation, transfer of title, beneficial interest under any Trust right of prescription or Pre-emptionor under any Agreement or other disposition or under any Decree, order or Award otherwise claiming howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with the supporting documents to the undersigned at his office at No.1, AMAR TOWERS, Office No.105, I Floor, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009, within a period of 14 days (both days inclusive) of the Publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Site Property bearing No.364 in a Layout known as "M S Ramaiah North City" formed out of Lands bg. Sy. No.118/1 & 2, 119, 120, 125/1, 125/2, 125/3A, 125/3B, 125/4, 126/1 to 6, 127, 128/1A to 1E, 128/2, 128/3, 129/1 to 5, 130/1 & 2, 134/1(p), 149 and 150 of Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40, in all admeasuring 2,400 Square Feet and presently falling within the administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.06 - Thanisandra and assigned Khatha No.219/364 and bounded on the:

East by : Road; West by : Site No.385; North by : Site No.363; & South by: Site No.365.

T. Yugandhar, Advocate
No.1, Office No.105, AMAR TOWERS, I Floor, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.
Mobile : 9980158053
Place : Bengaluru, Date : 11.08.2020

OPPORTUNITIES

General

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On-line registration including Edit/Modification of Application by candidates	05.08.2020 to 26.08.2020
Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges (Online) ,	05.08.2020 to 26.08.2020
Download of call letters for Pre- Exam Training *	September 2020
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training *	21.09.2020 to 26.09.2020
Download of call letters for Online examination – Preliminary	October 2020
Online Examination – Preliminary	**03.10.2020, 10.10.2020 and 11.10.2020**
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	October/ November 2020
Download of Call letter for Online exam – Main	November 2020
Online Examination – Main	**28.11.2020**
Declaration of Result – Main	December 2020
Download of call letters for interview	January 2021
Conduct of interview	January / February 2021
Provisional Allotment	April 2021

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1	Online Registration from	11.08.2020 (Tuesday) – 11 AM
2	On-line Registration closes on	01.09.2020 (Tuesday) – 5 PM
3	**Date of Entrance Examination**	**22.09.2020 (Tuesday)**

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Projects

KASE invites tenders from eligible entities for the below projects. Interested parties may submit e-tender through **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Sl No.	Name of Work	Tender ID
1	Upgradation of Govt ITI Chalakkudy, Thrissur	2020_KASE_375422_1
2	Upgradation of Govt ITI Kattappana, Idukki	2020_KASE_375530_1
3	Upgradation of Govt ITI Chengannur, Alappuzha	2020_KASE_375682_1
4	Upgradation of Govt ITI Chandanathope, Kollam	2020_KASE_375495_1
5	Upgradation of EK Nayanar Memorial Govt ITI Kayyur, Kasaragode	2020_KASE_375543_ 1

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Sl. No	Depot Name	Tender Cost	EMD	Value of Contract
1	From Milavittan goodshed to FSD MG Complex	Rs.590/-	Rs.6,38,000/-	Rs.3,19,00,000/-

Download of tenders w.e.f 11.08.2020 - 10 AM. Last date for receipt of tender 31.08.2020 up to 2.00 PM and Opening of Technical Bids at 3.00 PM on 01.09.2020.

Detailed Tender Notice and Bid document shall be seen and / or down loaded from website www.fci.gov.in and https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and payment of Cost of Tender and EMD by RTGS//NEFT.

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It is hereby notified to General public that Our Client, **Sandeep Acharya** has not executed any General Power of Attorney on 05.08.2016 or otherwise in favor of Suresh Kumar. D. Jain. However to avoid general public from being misled, Our client has also terminated the alleged General Power of Attorney and accordingly the general public, institution and corporate are hereby notified that Suresh Kumar. D. Jain has no authority to represent our client in respect of the schedule property. In spite of this notice if anybody transacts with Suresh Kumar. D. Jain in respect of the schedule property they shall be doing it at their own risk and peril and the same shall not affect the right of our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy. No.114/2 situated at Surgajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District,

ITEM NO.1 Measuring 20 guntas,
Bounded on the: East by : Remaining portion of Survey No.114/2, **West by :** Remaining portion of Survey No.114/2, **North by :** Land bearing Sy No. 106, **South by :** Remaining portion of Survey No.114/2

ITEM NO.1: Measuring 22.5 guntas,
Bounded on the: East by : Remaining portion of Survey No.114/2, **West by :** Land bearing Sy No. 105/2, **North by :** Land bearing Sy No. 106, **South by :** Remaining portion of Survey No.114/2

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/Guarantors that the below described immovable properties mentioned in **Schedule I and Schedule II** inter alia secured to **Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited ["ARGFL"] (Secured Creditor),** the Symbolic/ConstructivePossession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARGFL, will be sold by **e-auction on 16th September 2020 on an "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis** towards recovery of total sum of **Rs.46,56,58,612/- (Rupees Forty Six Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve Only) as on 10th August, 2020** and the contractual interest thereon and other cost and charges till the date of realisation from Borrower/Guarantors as mentioned below:

Name of the Borrower:	Name of the Guarantors:
Name of the Borrower: 1. Commune Properties India Private Limited **Registered Office:** #823, 21st Main Road, 8th Block, Koramangala Bangalore, Bangalore – 560095, Karnataka. ***And*** 1st Floor, Vikas Tower, No. 36, Castle Street, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru – 560025 **2. Mr. Rathish Kumar Moorthy, Director** **3. Mr. Ashok Kumar Jhaveri, Director** **4. Mr. Krishnan Karunakaran, Director** **5. Mr. Sanjay Raj Condati Devraj, Director** **6. Mr. Amarnath Devaki, Director** **Registered Office:** #823, 21st Main Road, 8th Block, Koramangala Bangalore, Bangalore – 560095, Karnataka.	**1. Mr. Pratap Satyanarayan Kunda** **Residential Address:** 8-2-703/4/P, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500 034 **2. Mr. Sanjay Raj Condati Devraj** **Residential Address:**3-C, 5th Floor, Binny, Crescent Apartment, Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 045 **3. Mr. Amarnath Devaki** **Residential Addresses:** HN 08-2-293/82/L/102/All MLA, Colony Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500034 Andhra Pradesh. **And** B-5, Banjara Gardens, 12-Banjara, Hyderabad, Telangana 500034 **And** B-86, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad, 500018. **4. Golden Gate Properties Limited** **Registered Office:** #820, 80 Feet Road, 20th Main, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560095, Karnataka. **And** Office No. 96, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560094, Karnataka.

The under mentioned properties will be sold by **"Online e-Auction through websitehttps://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net on 16th September 2020** for recovery of an amount of Loan A/c No. ARGFL/CF/013 total Outstanding **Rs.46,56,58,612/- (Rupees Forty Six Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Twelve Only) as on 10th August, 2020** and the contractual interest thereon and other cost and charges till the date of realisation.

SCHEDULE - I

PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROJECT "COMMUNE I"

Flats/Units mentioned in Table–1 (below) in Commune I Project constructed on non-agricultural residential land measuring 25 guntas in survey no. 477/4, 15 guntas in survey no. 478/A2 [old survey no. 478/A] aggregately admeasuring 1 Acre; 1 Acre 26 guntas in survey no. 479/A and 1 Acre 28 guntas in S. No. 480/3 aggregately admeasuring 3 Acre 14 guntas; 29 guntas in survey no. 477/4 and 11 guntas in S. No. 478/A2 [old S. No. 478/A] aggregately 1 Acre at Marasur Village, KasabaHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

TABLE – 1

Sr. No.	Tower	Floor	Flat Nos.	Carpet Area (in sq. ft.)	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Sr. No.	Tower	Floor	Flat Nos.	Carpet Area (in sq. ft.)	Reserve Price (in Rs.)
1	A	02	10208	765	10,81,710	22	C	13	31308	1030	26,21,556
2	A	04	10403	765	10,81,710	23	D	05	40501	1560	30,88,176
3	A	04	10404	765	10,81,710	24	D	05	40503	1560	30,88,176
4	A	04	10405	765	10,81,710	25	D	07	40703	1560	30,88,176
5	A	05	10503	765	10,81,710	26	D	08	40803	1560	30,88,176
6	A	05	10505	765	10,81,710	27	D	09	40902	1560	30,88,176
7	A	08	10803	765	10,81,710	28	D	09	40903	1560	30,88,176
8	A	08	10804	765	10,81,710	29	D	10	41001	1560	30,88,176
9	A	09	10903	765	10,81,710	30	D	10	41002	1560	30,88,176
10	A	09	10904	765	10,81,710	31	D	10	41003	1560	30,88,176
11	A	09	10905	765	10,81,710	32	D	11	41103	1560	30,88,176
12	A	09	10906	765	10,81,710	33	D	12	41201	1560	30,88,176
13	A	09	10907	765	10,81,710	34	D	12	41203	1560	30,88,176
14	A	09	10908	765	10,81,710	35	D	12	41204	1560	30,88,176
15	B	01	20107	1030	26,21,556	36	D	13	41301	1560	30,88,176
16	B	04	20401	1030	26,21,556	37	D	13	41303	1560	30,88,176
17	B	11	21101	1030	26,21,556	38	D	13	41304	1560	30,88,176
18	B	12	21201	1030	26,21,556	39	E	11	51104	1590	22,48,260
19	B	13	21301	1030	26,21,556	40	E	12	51204	1590	22,48,260
20	C	02	30203	1030	26,21,556	41	E	13	51301	1590	22,48,260
21	C	13	31301	1040	26,47,008	42	E	13	51304	1590	22,48,260

SCHEDULE- II

Sr. No.	Description of Land	Reserve Price (in Rs.)
1	**a.** ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of residential Converted Land bearing Survey No. 129/1 of Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre which is more particularly described as Item No. I in the Schedule hereunder and bounded as under: **On the East by :** Property belonging to Shri. Gopal Reddy **On the West by :** Remaining Portion of the same Survey No. **On the North by:** Property belonging to Shri KallahalliLakshmaiah **On the South by :** Sy. No. 127 and 128 of Sompura Village **b.** ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of residential Converted Land bearing Survey No. 129/1 of Sompura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore District, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 13 Guntas which is more particularly described as Item No. II in the Schedule hereunder, and bounded as under: **On the East by:** Property of Sri. Mogappa **On the West by:** Property of Sri. KurubaraNanjundappa **On the North by:** Property of Sri. Lashmaiah **On the South by:** Neeraganthilnamathi Land	**7,08,89,700/-**

Reserve Price	As mentioned in the table above for each unit in Schedule I and the land as mentioned in Schedule II.
Earnest Money Deposit	10% of the Reserve Price with respect to each unit as mentioned in Schedule I and the Reserve Price of the lands as mentioned in Schedule II above.
Bid increment Amount	**a.** Rs.5,000/- or in such multiples as permitted by the Secured Creditor for the units/flats as mentioned in Schedule I. **b.** Rs.25,000/- or in such multiples as permitted by the Secured Creditor for the lands as mentioned in Schedule II.
Date and Time for Inspection of title documents and the immovable properties mentioned in Schedule I and Schedule II.	Schedule I units/flats on 2nd September 2020. (Timing 11.00 AM to 02.00 P.M.) Schedule II land on 3rd September 2020. (Timing 11.00 AM to 01.00 P.M.) **[Contact: Mr. Shrinivas Hunsikatti. Contact: 08046245203** **Email ID: shrinivashunsikatti@rathi.com / cfsupport@rathi.com]**
Date and Time for submission of Tender form along with KYC documents / Proof of EMD etc.	14th September, 2020 before 5.00 PM
Date & time of opening of online offers	**16th September, 2020 at 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM**
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This Publication is also 30days' notice stipulated under rule 8(6) & 9(1) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Guarantors.

Terms and Conditions of the E-auction are as under:

1. Auction/bidding shall only be through **"online electronic mode"** through the website of the Service **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net** M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited -Auction Tigeris the Service Provider which will arrange to provide the e-auction platform.
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6. The immovable properties "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price and the same shall be sold on an "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is".
7. **The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the next day of the sale, being knocked down in his/her/it favor and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days after the sale date by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of A/C No. 00600340008138 as mentioned above, Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited, Bangalore through IFSC Code "HDFC0000060" or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favor of Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited, payable at Mumbai.**
8. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale, without any reference or recourse to such a bidder.
9. The successful bidder shall bear the charges payable for conveyance, Registration fee, stamp duty etc., as applicable underrelated laws.
10. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user ID given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him/her/it only.
11. Prospective bidders are advised to peruse the copies of Title deeds with ARGFL and verify the latest Encumbrance Certificate and other Revenue/Municipal records to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves on the Title and Encumbrances, if any over the property.
12. All bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of sale and be bound by them.
13. The Authorised Officer may postpone/cancel the e- Auction without assigning any reason therefor.
14. In case the e-Auction scheduled is postponed to a date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the Service Provider.

Note: The intending bidders may contact Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property on the date fixed by. ARGFL (Mr. Shrinivas Hunsikatti, Contact: 08046245203. Email ID: shrinivashunsikatti@rathi.com / cfsupport@rathi.com.

Date : 12th August, 2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **N. Yamini,** aged about 46 years, D/o Late B. Narendranath Reddy, residing at Flat No. 101, Yaro Mansion, No. 15, Haudin Road, Bangalore do hereby inform to the general public that I am the absolute owner of the property situated at Site No. 13, formed out of property No. 55 and 56/1, Katha No. 63, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore as evidence Registration No. KRI-1-09387-2004-05, CD No. KRID61, dated 05.07.2004 issued by Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore-560 036, measuring 30ft x 40ft totally 1200 sqft.

That on 29.07.2018 around 9am to 10am, While I was on my way home near Ulsoor Lake, the envelope containing the above mentioned original deed went missing, I noticed it only when I reached my home. Which could not traced till date and police complaint is lodged for the same on 6.8.2018 with Lost report No. 137377/2018.

If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me on 88613 33366. **N. YAMINI**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that our clients **Smt. Marilingamma** W/o Sri. Rame Gowda and **Smt. Jyothi. R** W/o Sri. Siddaramu H.B, have lost **Original Sale deed dated 20.05.1998, bearing document No.1514/1998-99, registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru pertaining to the property bearing House List Katha No. 107, Old Katha No. 25, New Katha No. 465, situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 36 Feet, in all measuring 1440 Square Feet and the same is bounded on **East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No. 116, **North by :** Road and **South by :** Property No. 108. In this regard, a police complaint dated 10.08.2020. was lodged by Smt. Jyothi. R, with Commissioner of Police, Infantry Road, Bangalore-560001. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocates stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our client and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
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Ct:-9845846428, 9108784843, 080-48658774.

Public Notice

I, **Sri N.Nagaraju,** Aged about 59 Years S/o Late Nanjundappa, R/at Byramangala Village and Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramnagar District, Purchasing below mentioned schedule by Mr.M.Siddalingappa, After from siddhappa incorporate who had purchsed under sale certificate dated 4.8.2016... Registered as document no. VJN-1-02405/2016-17. If anyone has any objections please submit along with the documents within 7 days of this paper publication.

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Site No.78, in the layout formed by the Bangalore City Muncipal Corporation Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Limited, Bengaluru, formed in Sy.Nos.45,46,47,48,50,50/2, 50/3, 51/1, 51/2, 51/5, 45 to 48, 51 and 52 of Deevatigeramanahally (Chandra Layout) Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, duly approved layout plan and sanctioned by the Bengaluru Development Authority, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP old ward No.40, present ward no.132, as per BBMP records the Muncipal No.78, PID No.40-30-78, situated at 4th Cross, BMP Layout, Bengaluru, measuring 30 x 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq. feet and bounded on the: East by: Site No.79, West by: Site No.77, North by Road, South by:Private Property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given to the General Public that, my client is going to sanction a Loan from my client's bank in favour of **Sri.Venkatappa** S/o Eragangaiah Urf Veeragangaiah, Residing at Thotanahalli Grama, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, in respect to the schedule property mentioned here under, which is allotted to **Sri.Venkatappa** S/o Eragangaiah Urf Veeragangaiah, by way of Hakku Pathra, dated 04.09.1975. **And as per the information from the borrower Sri.Venkatappa** S/o Eragangaiah Urf Veeragangaiah **the above said** Original Hakku Pathra is lost or misplaced, hence if any person having any interest, right or any claim over the schedule property may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which, my client shall proceed with the loan transaction as not claimed. **SCHEDULE:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing Site No.10, formed in Sy No.34, measuring towards East to West 45 Feet and North to South 30 Feet i.e., 45' X 30' Feet, situated at Thotanahalli Grama, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, and Bounded on: East By: Road. West By: Site No.26. North By: Road. South By: Site No.11.

MOHAMED AFROZE AHAMED
SHAMS US TABREZ. A Advocates & Legal Advisers, Opp. S.B.I., M.G. Road, Tumkur 572101. Ph. No. 0816-2270735. Cell 94480 83535 / 98867 93535.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into an Agreement of Sale to purchase the schedule property from its Owner **M.Narasimhamurthy**, who has represented that he has clear and marketable title to the same.

Any person/s/Banks/Financial Institutions and Statutory Authorities who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned within seven days from the date of issue of this notice with documentary evidence failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Eastern half portion of Municipal No.48, P.I.D No.40-174-48, (formerly Site No.53, formed in Survey No.70 of Nagarabhavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Now retained with Municipal No.48, P.I.D No.40-174-48, situated at 5th Main Road, Maruthinagar, BMP Ward No.40, BBMP Ward No.132, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 15' (Fifteen Feet) and North to South : 40' (Forty Feet) in all measuring 600 square feet, along with R.C.C Building comprising of Ground, First and Second Floor and bounded by:

East by :: Property No.52,
West by :: Western portion of Property bearing Municipal No.48,
North by :: Road,
South by :: Property No.58

Sd/- S.R. Gangadhar, Advocate
MATHRUSHREE ASSOCIATES,
#V-5, Shop No.2, 14th Cross,
Opp. KIADB Building,
Near Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-58
Mobile: 9448522933, 9448447944
Date: 12.08.2020 Place: Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client Mr. K. M. Sundar Murthy has Negotiated with Sri. B. K. Muralidhar, S/o. Sri. B. P. Krishna, R/at No.4979, Smith Canyon CT SAN DIEGO, California 92130, USA, for purchase of the property Described in the schedule here below, on his representation that he is the absolute owner of the same.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest of whatsoever manner with regard to the Schedule Property or anybody opposing the sale transaction may lodge such claim or objection, in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this Notice, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction, presuming that there are no valid claims or objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.5, Intermediate, Khatha No.2667/2085/5, situated at in the layout formed by the Wilson Garden House Building Co-operative Society Limited in Sy.Nos.99/2A and 99/2B of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, within the limits of BBMP, measuring,

East to West : **60 feet;**
North to South : **40 feet;**
totally measuring **2400 Sq. feet**
and bounded on the;
East by : Site No.38 & 39;
West by : Road;
North by : Site No.4;
South by : Site No.6.

NARASIMHA MURTHY A.S. Advocate,
No.23, 5th Cross, 23rd Main,
J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-73
Ph: 9886434287
Bangalore Date: 12.08.2020

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

109,Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.
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TO
M/s. Rainbow Paint Products, Prop. **Sri. Narasimha Murthy G,** No. S-5, 2nd main, 1st Cross, VHBCS Layout, Kurabarahalli Main Road, Bangalore 560 086. & **Smt. Lalitha G R,** W/o. Sri. Narasimha Murthy G, No. S-5, 2nd main, 1st Cross, VHBCS Layout, Kurabarahalli Main Road, Bangalore – 560 086.

Dear Sir/Madam,

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the Industrial Land bearing No.50 carved out of Survey No.76/1, 76/2, 76/3 (New No.76/9), 76/4, 76/5 duly converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural purposes vide DC order No.ALN(NDH) SR/105/11-12 dated 30.07.2012 subsequently from Non Agricultural purposes to Industrial purposes vide DC order No.ALN (NDH)/SR/105/11-12 dated 30.12.2013 from Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban known as Mehta Industrial Estate situated at Bapagrama Post, Machohalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North vide E khatha issued by Panchayath Planning Authority vide Nos.150200201400905079/327/76/1, 150200201400905076/326/76/2, 150200201400905075/325/76/3, 150200201400905080/328/76/4 and 150200201400905081/329/76/5 belongs to Sri. Narasimha Murthy. G. measuring East to West 100 feet and North to South 50 feet , totally measuring 5000 sft and bounded on East by: Plot No.5, West by: 9 Mtr Road, North by: Plot No.49, South by: Plot No.51. Pursuant to Order by Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District Vide Crl. Misc. No. 504/2019 the physical possession of the above property has been taken by the undersigned with the help and in the presence of the police force on 11/09/2019 as per the court order. At the time of taking possession the property and there were some machineries and movable articles inside the said property. As there was no time to move them instantly as the article/movables were many in numbers and all such articles are still kept therein. You are requested to remove the said articles from the property under prior written notice of at least one day to the undersigned, so that necessary arrangements can be made for you to remove the articles. Please ensure that the said articles are removed within 7 days from the receipt of this notice as otherwise bank would be compelled to cause sale of the same by public notice at your cost.

Hence we request you to please come and remove your movables. This is without prejudice to the other rights and interest of the Bank.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 10/08/2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

Corporate Office : 201, Raheja Point-1, Near SVC Bank, Vakola, Nehru Road, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400055.
Malleswaram Branch : Office No. 284, 2nd Floor, 17th & 18th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.(Karnataka).
Bommanahalli Branch : No.180, AMRUTHA, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar West, Bangalore - 560011. **Phone :(080) 2653 6699.**

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.(AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Appl No.**V0129582 Malleswaram** Branch.) **Eternity Structures Pvt Ltd Heritage** (Borrower) **Vijaya Prasad Reddy** (Co Borrower) **Kasturi Vijaya Kumar Cotha** (Co Borrower)	**18.2.2020** **₹1,46,29,866.00**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No 4, 5 & 5G (Ward No.193, BBMP old Khata No 522/519/531/74/1, New Khata No 908/59/4) comprising of 16 flats (out of 36) situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, off Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Measuring Land area of 12,650 sq.ft. in the name of M/s. Eternity Structures Pvt ltd., along with apartment structure comprising plinth area of 43,240 sq.ft. and built up area of 36,580 sq.ft. Bounded on : **East Side** : Shamanna's Property, **West Side** : Road, **North Side** : Road and **South Side :** Site Pvt. Property. **Collateral Security :** All the piece and parcel of property bearing Amalgamated khatha No.154/1315 in respect of BDA Plot Nos. 1315/1316/1317 situated at Devarachikkanahalli, off Vijaya Bank layout, BTM 4th Stage, 1st Block Layout, Bangalore. Measuring 12,000 sft, (80*150 feet), East to West 24.38 Mtrs and North to south 45.72 Mtrs along with the 10 Villa structures being constructed. Bounded on : **East Side** : Road, **West Side** : Road, **North Side** : Site No.1314 and **South Side** : Site No. 1318.
2.	(Appl No.**V0135979 Bommanahalli** Branch) **Varahaa Developpers** (Borrower) **Pankaja Naik** (Co Borrower) **Basavaraja Naik** (Co Borrower)	**17.12.2019** **₹1,46,77,715.00**	Varahaa Encenia, Sy No. 37/3, Khatha No. 152/37/3, Dasarahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Tk, Bengaluru - 560024, Karnataka. Bounded on : **East Side** : Muniyappa's Land, **West Side** : Uthnallappa's Land, **North Side** : Road and **South Side :** Sy No: 37/2 - H L Muniyappa's Land. **Collateral Security :** Unit Row House No. 2 - Site cum Residential apartments building property bearing Khata No.17/3/6/7, assessment No.3/6 situated at Kodigehalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk within BBMP Limits ward No. 8, site measuring 1620 sq. ft. and apartment building having stilt ground with 2 upper ground floor with total of 7 flats (1 BHK); 2 flats (2 BHK) in each upper floor build up area of about 900 sq. ft. in each floor except first floor having 1000 sq. ft. (total area -3700 sq. ft.) in the name of Co-applicant Dr. M R Basavaraja Naik. Bounded on : **East Side** : Akkayamma & Private Property, **West Side** : Road, **North Side** : Vijay's Property and **South Side :** Akkayamma Property.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Malleswaram and Bommanahalli
Date : 12.8.2020

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **ANGELA FRIERA** D/o **Francis Lazer** R/at No.235, Rayappa Cottage Basappa Layout Hennur, Village, Kalyam Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **ANGELA FRIERA FRANCIS** vide affidavit dated: 06/08/2020 before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KEMPARAJ NANDINI** W/o **R.Lokesh,** R/at No.125, 4th main, 7th Cross, Govindaraj Nagar, Bengaluru-560040 have changed my name to **NANDINI** vide affidavit dated: 23/07/2020 before Notary **Gangaraju B.N** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHWETHA H K** W/o **J.S. Subramanya Bhat,** R/at No. 508, 4th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru -560032 have changed my name to **SHWETHA S BHAT** vide affidavit dated:7/08/2020 before Notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SINI OLIVER,** R/at No.08, 5th main, 1st Cross, Spandhana Layout, Next to Mohre Public School, Horamavu Agara, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to **SINI SAJI** vide affidavit dated: 10/08/2020 before notary **Smt. Rajamani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vidya Tirtha, D.O.B 25.09.1938, W/o.Poornananda Tirtha, R/at No.121/8, Tirtha Ashram, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, 7th Phase, J.P.Nagar, Santhrupthi Nagar, Bengaluru 560078, '**VIDYATIRTHA**' **also known as** '**SUBBALAKSHAMMA**' Have changed my name to '**VIDYA TIRTHA**' Vide affidavit dated 11.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, H.S Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHASHIKANTH M.,** S/o D.N. Muniraju, R/at No. 484, 11th Cross, IInd Main, Muneshwara Layout, Laggere, Bangalore-58 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHASHIKANTH M.** to **SHOONYA M.,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHOONYA M.** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 11-8-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.N. CHANDRASHEKARA REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MARAMREDDY SWAPNEEL REDDY,** R/a, No.21A, 1st Avenue, 5th Main, Shubh Enclave, Ambalipura, Haralur Main Road, Opp.HP Petrol Bunk, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **MARAMREDDY SWAPNEEL** (Old Name) to **MARAMREDDY SWAPNEEL REDDY** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated: 11-08-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PAVAN KUMAR,** S/o. Sridhara Murthy, aged about 18 years, residing at Kallubalu Road, Manjunatha Nagar, Jigani Village and Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, have changed my name from **PAVAN S.** to **PAVAN KUMAR.** Vide affidavit dated 11-08-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Muniswamy T., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. Pragyan Parimita Barik,** Daughter of Mr. Purna Chandra Barik, Wife of Mr. Nishant Kumar Krishna, aged 33 years, permanent resident of S14 706, Smondoville, Neotown, Electronic City Phase I, Bengaluru - 560 100, have changed my name from **PRAGYAN PARIMITA BARIK** to **PARIMITA KRISHNA.** Vide affidavit dated 5-8-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary A.S. Narayana Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **S.K. ZAMEER,** Resident of No. 111, Gulzar Manzil, 6th Cross, Soladevanahalli, Achit Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 090, have changed my name from **JAMEER S.K.** to **S.K. ZAMEER.** Vide affidavit dated 6-7-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAYASOORYA NAGARAJ MANJULA (OLD NAME) and also known as **NAGARAJ DEVENDRA KUMAR** Residing at No.22, Vinayaka Prasanna, 3rd Main, 9TH Cross, Hoysala Nagar, Bangalore, Pin-560016. Have changed my name to **JAYSOORYA NAGARAJ MANJULA (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 05/08/2020 Sworn before Notary Y.V.Shankar, Bangalore, Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED ALI, Son of Haroon Ali, residing at No. 203-03, Kerebilachi, Hosur, Davangere District, Karnataka-577218, have changed my Minor Son's name from **ASIM** to **MOHAMMED ASIM** vide affidavit Dated 10/08/2020 sworn before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ANTONY ERIC NADHAN, Son of Janiclass Anthony, resident of E 40/10, DRDO Township, Phase-2, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093, have changed my name from **ANTONY ERIC NADHAN** to **ERICNADHAN JANICLASS ANTHONY** vide affidavit No. IN-KA95621330188736S Dated 06/08/2020 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) S.SHIVA, S/o. Srinivasa, residing at No. 76, 1st Cross, MRS Palya, Near 106 Military Gate, Chinnappa Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) S.SHIVA** to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED SHUAIB AHMED** vide affidavit Dated 10/08/2020 sworn before Notary Shaik Mahaboob, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SAIRA BANO, Residing at No. 73, 3rd Cross, Babu Reddy Layout, Manorayana Palya, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SAHERA BANU** vide affidavit dated 10/08/2020 sworn before Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YALLAVA, Mother of 14832834X, SEP/MT, HANAMANT H MADDI, residing at Hanamasagar, Chunchanur, Ramadurg, Katakool, Belgaum-591114, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **YALLAVVA HANAMANTH MADDI** vide affidavit dated: 11.08.2020 before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GAURAVA, Wife of 14832834X, SEP/MT, HANAMANT H MADDI, residing at Hanamasagar, Chunchanur, Ramadurg, Katakool, Belgaum-591114, Karnataka, shall henceforth be known as **GOURAMMA LAKKAPPA BHANDARI** vide affidavit dated: 11.08.2020 before notary N K LAKSHMANA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Suresh. S, S/o. R. Sakthivel, aged about 26 years, R/at No. Shree Guru Vijaya Deluxe, P.G. Chandapura to Anekal Road, Teachers Colony, Chandapura, Bangalore-560099 have changed my name to

MOHAMMED SAAD

vide affidavit dated 10/08/2020 sworn before notary Prakash C, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AZMA ADIL,** Resident of No. 35, 3rd Cross, Krishnamma Garden, Benson Town Post, Bangalore - 560 046, have changed my name from **AYESHA ADIL** and also known as **AZMA HAFEEZ** to **AZMA ADIL.** Vide affidavit dated 6-8-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore.

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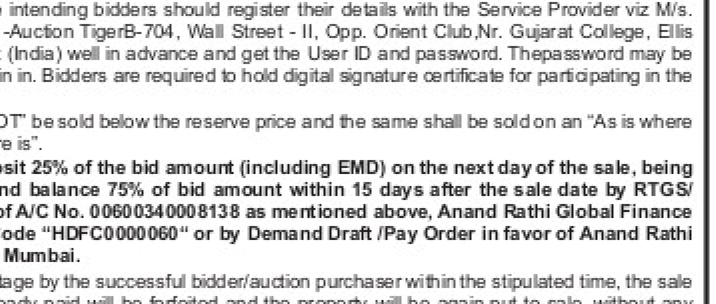

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Kerala temples to open to devotees

Shrines under Travancore Devaswom Board will allow darshan from August 17

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

THE Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) has decided to reopen the temples for devotees on the Malayalam New Year of Chingam 1, which falls on August 17. The temples under the board have been remaining closed since March 22 following the Covid-19 outbreak.

The TDB has decided to mark the auspicious day with a special 'Ganapathy homam' ritual in all 1,250 temples under it, except Sabarimala. "The special ritual is to mark the beginning of the year on an auspicious note," said TDB president N Vasu.

The entry of devotees will be restricted to five persons at a time inside the temple complex and by following other Covid-19 protocols. Those above the age of 65 and below 10 years will not be allowed to enter the temples. Also, the devotees will not be allowed entry before 6am and between 6.30pm and 7pm.

> **People can make regular offerings at the temple. However the 'prasadam' will be offered through a separate counter, instead of giving it to the devotees from the sanctum sactorum**
> N Vasu, TDB president

All devotees will have to wear facemasks and the entry will be on the first come, first served basis. Devotees will have to maintain social distancing norms inside the temple. There will be a register to enter the name, address and contact details of the people entering the temple. "The public can also make regular offerings at the temple. However the 'prasadam' will be offered through a separate counter, instead of giving it to the devotees from the sanctum sactorum," said Vasu.

Rituals such as 'annadanam' and 'balitharpanam' have been avoided for the time being. The TDB has decided not to allow devotees to take bath or ablution in temple ponds. The temple will be out of bounds for pregnant women and those with ailments for now. The temple advisory committees will be informed about the rituals and the protocol. The state has made Covid-19 negative certificate mandatory for the

Sabarimala pilgrimage scheduled to be held from November 16 to January 14. However, the TDB president said no decision had been made regarding the entry of devotees in the month of Chingam.

KRISHNAVATAR

As the country celebrates Krishna Janmashtami on Tuesday, children across South India deck up in colourful attire to celebrate the day. (Clockwise from top) An infant dressed as baby Krishna in Visakhapatnam, children represent Radha and Krishna in Warangal, dressed as Mathura vaasis peep out of their house in Chennai | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Swarna Palace tragedy: 8 teams formed to nab hospital director

Vijayawada: A day after three staff of Ramesh Hospitals were arrested in connection with the fire mishap that killed 10 Covid-19 patients and left 18 others injured on Sunday, Vijayawada city Commissioner of Police (CP) Battina Sreenivasulu on Tuesday said eight special teams were formed to nab the managing director of the hospital, Dr Pothineni Ramesh Babu, who has reportedly been absconding. The CP, in a press release, said Ramesh Babu had been missing since the news of the fire at Swarna Palace broke. Ramesh Hospitals was using the Swarna Palace hotel as a Covid Care Centre. The police are also on the lookout for Swarna Palace owner Mutthavarapu Srinivas Rao.

Do not privatise rlys: Station masters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru branch of the All India Station Masters Association on Tuesday held a protest in front of the Divisional Railway Manager's office in support of a few demands, including the need to end the ongoing efforts to privatise certain aspects of the railways. They submitted a memorandum for the Prime Minister, Railway Board and the Railway Minister through the DRM's office. "Similar protests are being held across the country. Around 20 people were present at the protest in the city due to the Covid-19 pandemic," said B P Kumaraswamy, general secretary, All India Station Masters Association, South Western Railway.

The memo flayed the Centre's decision to privatise railways. "The government announced 100% FDI in almost all activities performed by railways," the memo said. The Bibek Debroy Committee aimed at breaking Indian Railways into pieces, it charged. The recent move to call for an expression of interest to introduce 151 private trains along different routes is another step, it added.

"Railways should not be viewed from a commercial perspective. Railways have a social responsibility to carry food grains to every nook and corner of the country," Kumaraswamy added.

The memo also demanded that a month's salary be given as incentives to station masters as they had to be on duty during the pandemic. "The insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh announced for health department employees needs to be extended to station masters too as they risked their lives and that of their families," the memo added.

Railway station masters stage protest in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Talacauvery temple priest's body retrived

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AFTER five days of the tragedy that struck Kodagu, Talacauvery temple priest Narayana Achar's dead body was retrieved from the landslide site on Tuesday. Narayana Achar's belongings including his two four-wheeler vehicles and his pet dog's body were among the other things retrieved during the fifth day of the search operation. The search operation by the NDRF, local police and MEG will, however, continue for the next five days to trace the missing three persons including the priest's wife Shantha.

While a search operation was ongoing in teams of three, the body of Narayana Achar was retrieved at Cherangala forest area – 2 km away from the actual disaster site. The search operation was conducted amid heavy rainfall on Tuesday.

EIA draft out, but K'taka celebs maintain silence

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

THOUGH the Karnataka High Court has paved the way for public participation and filing of objections on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), 2020 notification, it is yet to be made available in Kannada and other vernacular languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and others. Activists say once the translated version is available, the MoEF&CC will have to provide 60 days' time for filing of public objections from the date of publication.

> **The amendment is based on the economic paradigm of high GDP growth, but does not consider its impact on nature and human health. No rational person can agree with the changes being sought**
> Shankar Sharma, power analyst

Unlike Karnataka, public figures and celebrities in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Kerala have opposed the controversial amendment, and are filing their objections. However, activists here say that apart from environmentalists, high-profile personalities in Karnataka have shown no interest.

Currently, objections being filed by activists, wildlife groups, environmental groups, advocacy and social organisations run into thousands of comments/opinions to the MoEF&CC. The public can file their objections till September 7.

The EIA, 2020 notification, has drawn the attention of political leaders too, such as Rahul Gandhi, Jayaram Ramesh, Aditya Thackeray and others. And, due to the widespread opposition, activists hope the MoEF&CC will drop the amendment.

Joseph Hoover, United Conservation Movement (which filed the PIL on EIA, 2020) said, "Many Tamil stars like Karthi, Vijay and Parvathy Thiruvothu have expressed concerns about the draconian draft, but surprisingly, celebrities from the Kannada film industry have not spoken a word about it."

Calling for scrapping of EIA 2020, activists urge citizens to wake up and recognise the role of nature for survival.

Environmental experts said that even in its present form, the EIA, 2006 has not stopped state governments from taking up several destructive projects by diverting thousands of hectares of reserve and state forests, and also within wildlife sanctuaries and national parks. This includes diversion of large quantities of fresh water to industrial and commercial projects, setting/expansion of coal power plants/chemical plants and nuclear power plants, across the country.

A forest official stressed that the EIA has failed to protect forests and PAs, as well as other significant natural resources. Now, many essential projects won't get clearance if the amendment is passed, he said.

PANDEMIC EFFECT

2 SHAR facilities shut as Covid surges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

OPERATIONS were suspended at two critical facilities handling the GSLV Mk-3 and Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) projects at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikotta on Tuesday after a surge in the coronavirus infections among the employees. Meanwhile, the Covid kitty of Tamil Nadu continued to swell after 5,834 fresh cases and 118 deaths were reported on the day, driving up the tally to 3,08,649 and the toll to 5,159.

While Chennai's share to the daily caseload came down to 986, its neighbouring districts and other northern districts continued to reel under the surge in infections. Chengalpattu added 388 cases while Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur recorded 330 and 362 cases respectively. The situation in the undivided Vellore district, which comprises Vellore and the newly formed districts of Ranipet and Tirupathur, remains a cause for concern. As of Tuesday, the tally in the combined district was around 17,000 even as the district administrations scrambled to bring the situation under control.

On the brighter side, the State continued to test high with 67,492 samples and 65,490 people being tested on the day. Also, one more private lab, Vivekanandha Medical Care Hospital, Tiruchengodu, had been recently approved for Covid-19 testing. The day also witnessed as many as 6,005 people exiting the healthcare facilities after treatment.

Meanwhile, Health Minister C Vijayabaskar, in a press release, said as per the chief minister's order, government hospitals are also handling non-Covid cases. The minister said that from March to till date, over 27 lakh people were treated as in-patients in government hospitals while many more visited the government-run healthcare facilities.

Youth uses woman's pic, tries to cheat staffers

MG CHETAN @Bengaluru

An unemployed youth, who tried to cheat people using a woman's photo, has been arrested by the Cyber Crime police.

Sameer Kumar Shah (25), who hails from Darjeeling in West Bengal, was arrested based on a complaint filed by Manjula Venkatesh (33) on June 27. She works as an area manager of a chain of women's apparel stores.

Manjula lodged a complaint with the East CEN police, stating that a miscreant used her photo as his WhatsApp picture and sent messages to her managers, requesting that money be transferred to a particular bank account number for her mother's treatment. One of her managers transferred ₹4,500 to that account.

"The woman checked the phone number from which the messages were sent and found the photo of a person she had interviewed in March. When she checked with the HR department, she found the accused had attended the interview for the post of a salesman and was rejected," the police said.

"He admitted that he managed to get the complainant's phone number by calling her office on the pretext of enquiring about the status of the interview. He downloaded her WhatsApp picture and set it as his own. He got the phone numbers of some of the store managers from Google. He confessed that he had done this to make some money as he was unemployed," the police said.

BSNL employees traitors, Air India service pathetic: Ananth Kumar Hegde

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Karwar

REVISITING his habit of kicking up controversies yet again, former Union minister Ananth Kumar Hegde has declared that employees of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited are traitors.

Speaking at a function in Kumta late on Monday, Hegde lashed out at the BSNL for its "poor service" and described employees of the state-owned telecommunications giant as "traitors".

Hedge spoke after inaugurating a programme to kick-start some development works in the region, when he mentioned about the "poor service" provided by the public sector company. "Many people complain about the BSNL network saying it is weak, which is a black mark on the country's capabilities. This has to be fixed," he said.

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> Ananth Kumar Hegde, Union minister

"See how it has failed the nation, despite the fact that it thrives on people's money. It should be brought under the disinvestment policy and handed over to private players," he went on in his tirade against the phone services provided, and added, "The government gave them money. People need the network and its service, but the BSNL employees just do not work. The company is filled with traitors. I told this to them on their faces at a meeting in Karwar."

Stating that the government has plans to remove 85,000 of the staff, he said "more employees will be removed".

Citing the case of the tahsildar of Sirsi being rendered helpless with the BSNL not providing network connectivity, he said the tahsildar had to give them an earful before they did the work.

He went on to say that some allied companies working along with the BSNL were "looting" the country on the pretext of providing telecom service. He did not spare Air India either, saying that its service was "pathetic".

Hegde's speech has gone viral on social media, and he has garnered a lot of support. A few, though, hit back at him saying that it is the BJP government at the Centre that has failed to fix the BSNL.

TRAVEL EASY

Kodagu-Kerala border opens for vehicular movement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

THE Kodagu-Kerala border opened for vehicular movement after nearly five months of closure. While the border was shut following the rising Covid-19 situation, it has now been opened with certain restrictions imposed for interstate commute.

"All the borders with Kerala were sealed as a measure to control the pandemic. However, following SOPs from the Central government, all interstate roads including Makutta-Kerala Highway have now been opened for commute. Goods vehicles can now tread on these roads without any hurdle.

Makutta-Kerala Highway has been opened after nearly five months of lockdown

However, private vehicles including taxis have to apply for online permission from respective administration to commute," confirmed Nandish, Virajpet Tahashildar. Meanwhile, the road is likely to open for bus services sometime this week, confirmed sources.

Further, the Karike-Kerala road was opened for commute on Sunday even as Kodagu district administration and MLA K G Bopaiah ordered the removal of sand heap that was blocking vehicular movement. This decision was taken following the flood in Bhagamandala and the road was mainly opened to enable emergency commute.

"The Kerala administration has installed barricades on the Karike-Kerala border and only emergency commute is permitted as of now," confirmed Madhu, a resident of Karike. Kerala is screening of all commuters.

Meanwhile, no screening is being carried out by Kodagu administration.

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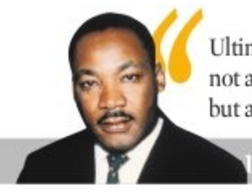

"Ultimately a genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a molder of consensus" — Martin Luther King Jr

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— Ramnath Goenka

E-COMMERCE BOOMS AS MORE SHOPPERS GO ONLINE

If there is one segment of the economy that is booming, it is e-commerce. Amazon, which has just completed its Prime Day sales, has claimed the value of goods that were delivered via online shopping surpassed its last year's Diwali sales on a per-day comparison. The company said nearly one lakh sellers received orders, and it is estimated sales surpassed ₹4,000 crore. Competitor Flipkart, now owned by Walmart, made its own splash with its 'Big Savings Day Sale' from August 6 to 10, offering both deep discounts on individual products as well as deals on bundled packages. The big-selling categories have been smartphones and consumer electronic products. Fashion wear has been booming on platforms such as Myntra that held its 'End of Reason Sale' in June.

The lockdown and the fear of physical contact has changed many traditional shopping habits. In the beginning, e-commerce was delivering only essentials and pharma products, but as the government signalled the opening up of the economy from June, the product base on e-commerce sites expanded exponentially. Amazon India's CEO Amit Agarwal claims his paid subscribers have more than doubled and that 65% of his new subscribers were not from the Top 10 cities, showing an expanding base of e-retail shoppers.

Initially, the supply lines and production were disrupted; but the e-retailers, as the pandemic wore on, quickly got their act together. Shopping trends now indicate it is not only the more expensive electronic goods and smartphone shoppers who are hooked to online ordering, but it is the daily necessity of groceries, and even the demands of gaming and entertainment that have moved online. Of the approximate ₹5.6 lakh crore the annual retail business generates, currently e-retailers account for only 3.5%. That's a huge headroom for growth for those entrepreneurs who are smart enough to exploit the opportunity. The pandemic has created its own fears. Even after shopping malls have opened in many cities, there is hardly any footfall. All the pointers are in the direction of a growing preference for safe and hygienic shopping options.

WHY WE SHOULD RESPECT DIVERSITY

Are you an Indian?" a CISF personnel at the Chennai airport allegedly asked DMK MP Kanimozhi after learning that she did not know Hindi. Kanimozhi's tweet describing the incident has revived the discussion over 'Hindi imposition', against which Tamil Nadu has agitated since the 1930s. This time, support came from other states as well with former Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy claiming 'Hindi politics' thwarted the prime ministerial chances of Tamil leaders K Kamaraj of the Congress and late DMK chief M Karunanidhi (Kanimozhi's father). Referring to his own father, former prime minister H D Deve Gowda, he said 'Hindi politics' caused him ridicule and led to criticism.

Two issues emerge from this incident. First, although TN has perhaps the best-known history of agitating against any perceived imposition of Hindi, the sentiment is felt wider than commonly admitted. According to the 2011 Census, 43.63% of India's population is Hindi-speaking, leaving 56.37% of the population speaking other languages, including Bengali (8.03%), Marathi (6.86%), Telugu (6.7%) and Tamil (5.7%). Further, the category of Hindi as a language includes several other languages, including Bhojpuri. Understandably, the focus on Hindi in administration and political discourse leaves vast sections of the country alienated. Exams and other selection criteria for government jobs also favour Hindi-speakers, another issue raised by Kumaraswamy.

Second, the conflation of nationality and identity as an Indian with the language of Hindi is a disturbing trend. India's mantra has long been 'unity in diversity'. Respecting diversity has allowed for a national identity to be formed of values that go beyond religion, food habits or language. Efforts to homogenise the Indian identity into one monocultural standard have always been and always should be resisted. Kanimozhi's suggestion in this regard is that Central government staff and people in general ought to be sensitised and taught to respect diversity, which governments at the state and Central levels ought to consider implementing in earnest. Unity in diversity may seem a cliché but it's cliché because it's true.

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THE NEED FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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There are broadly two kinds of leadership: transactional leadership and transformational leadership. Transactional leaders give clear goals to be achieved. The job holder has to accomplish them. Many companies all over the world follow this model by giving goals, identifying key performance indicators and giving a target date by which an individual employee has to accomplish the goals. The performance appraisal systems are designed to measure the achievements of goals in a specified time frame. The person is rewarded/punished based on accomplishment of the goal. Providing incentives to achieve greater targets is a part of design to motivate people to achieve their goals. This system has worked well in most cases.

However, in bad times, many top performers desert organisations when the company is not in a position to reward handsomely or give huge incentives. The employees have no intrinsic loyalty or love towards the organisation.

Researchers globally are looking for a more holistic leadership style that can intrinsically motivate employees to be loyal, dedicated, committed and altruistic. The Armed Forces in many countries have done substantial research to motivate the soldier based on patriotism, honour, valour, service before self—more than just money. They have succeeded.

James MacGregor Burns espoused the theory of transformational leadership. He said the transformational leader, as against a transactional leader, primarily wants to serve as against being paid. The transformational leader creates a vision and transmits his/her vision to the team and involves them to accomplish the chosen objective. The transformational leader is committed to enabling the team members grow in maturity, wisdom, knowledge and competence. The leader creates an effective leadership pipeline for sustainability. Transformational leaders have been found in the industry, NGO sector and the government.

For example, the Society of Jesus, a Christian missionary organisation, has been growing transformational leaders who have led great institutions like St Xavier's schools and colleges for a few hundred years. Similarly, the Ramakrishna Mission has more than 150 centres all over the world manned by transformational leaders who serve the poor.

Jim Collins, in his book *Good To Great*, spoke about a type of transformational leader whom he called a 'Level 5 leader'. He proved with his research that many companies like Abbott, Gillette, Circuit City, Philip Morris, etc., made the leap to greatness over their nearest competitor, primarily due to having a 'Level 5 leader'. He measured greatness on the basis of financial performance—several multiples better than the market average over a sustained period of 15 years.

The Level 5 leader, as per Collins, has a paradoxical blend of being ruthlessly driven for results while being humble and humane at the same time. He said such leaders first identify the right persons within the company and recruit the best people based on character and competence, and then decide the vision. He also found that celebrity leaders are negatively correlated in his research.

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John Maxwell, another great scholar on leadership, spoke about the five levels of leadership. He strongly advocates creating leaders with character and competence whom people can see as a role model and follow out of great respect. We have seen examples like J R D Tata, Martin Luther King, Steve Jobs, Verghese Kurien, etc.

Another aspect of transformational leadership is the ability to confront the brutal truth of the situation, yet at the same time never giving up hope. A Level 5 leader understands the overall situation of the company in depth and has a great capacity to listen to the truth, no matter how unpleasant it is.

The transformational leader creates a culture where truth can be heard. As research has pointed out, no company can become a great company where the truth cannot be heard.

An interesting case in point is the rise of Japanese cars in the US market share. In 1962, Japanese cars held only 2% market share. However, in the next 20 years, they increased their market share to 43% of the US car market. Some large American car industries like Chrysler got sold. Does anyone believe that frontline sales people or executives in the lower or middle management did not know why US cars were not selling? They knew for sure, but there was no one to hear it.

This brings us to the next dimension of transformational leadership, the need to create a "learning organisation".

Professor Peter Senge of MIT found in his research that most leaderships have a near perfect system to communicate the policies and strategies from the top management to the junior levels with great clarity and precision. However, what they lacked was a system or channel to take information up from the junior level to the top management.

The organisation structure had two main compartments, one of thinkers and one of doers. The thinkers at the top management just thought and the doers just implemented executive orders. Not many companies asked the people who actually implemented what their experiences and findings were. Many crises could have been averted if they did. The subject of transformational leadership is indeed vast and I have just presented a few nuggets in this article.

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DOES THE NEP MISS OUT ON REAL ISSUES?

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The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, from a birds-eye view, looks promising: The schooling years are divided into several sections with programme outcomes specified for each level. It talks about focus on discovery, preparation, abstract thinking and multidisciplinary learning and that with technology redefining probably everything around us, the concept of education must also be revamped to meet the needs of the learners today.

However, before one jumps to applauding the NEP, one requires a deep dive into the current challenges that India's education system faces at the grassroots level—the issue of bringing kids to school, retaining students (especially girls) in school, enabling teachers to deliver the NEP-imagined curriculums, creating and enabling sufficient technological infrastructure, delivering the committed education budgets and ensuring that every educated Indian is employable. What we need to further question is if this NEP i) sufficiently addresses the above challenges, ii) has a well-defined implementation roadmap and milestones, iii) has critical finances for execution of this grand vision, iv) ensures that it will not exacerbate the current educational divide between the marginalised and the privileged, and the rural and the urban children.

Moreover, there is a severe dearth of trained personnel in the country. Not to forget the unfortunate situation that the teachers of today are also the products of the current education system—and hence we need a system that equips knowledge facilitators to understand the nuances of this novel ecosystem. Interestingly, the NEP relies upon anganwadi workers, already overburdened with numerous public health and nutrition duties, for delivering quality "Early Childhood Care and Education" (ECCE). To train them to meet ECCE standards through six-month diploma courses would itself be a Herculean task. Over 10 lakh vacancies are still open at the school level, leave alone the matter of several insufficiently skilled PGTs and TGTs. Moreover, conditions in anganwadi centres remain abysmally poor. Figures from December 2019 show that over 3 lakh anganwadi centres don't have proper toilets and over 1.5 lakh lack potable drinking water. Can they be expected to meet and deliver the ambitious ECCE quality targets set by the NEP?

The provision to provide multidisciplinary study options cannot be implemented in rural schools where the student-teacher ratio is too high. This has to be facilitated with heavy funds and infrastructure coupled with a large teaching faculty. The 'good to have' modern pedagogies, values, skills, and learning methods were already present in the National Curriculum Framework of 2005. The policy also covers alternate curriculum subjects like yoga, Indian philosophy and Adivasi/indigenous ways of learning in the syllabus. But upskilling teachers, who presently struggle even to teach the basic syllabus at the primary level, is not easy.

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The NEP also lays focus on digital and distance learning to increase gross enrolment ratio from 26% to over 50%. However, the primary reasons for dropping out of school such as child marriage and child labour remain unaddressed in the policy. It also lacks clarity about the employability value of the open learning courses. The absence of digital infrastructure will lead to the further segregation of the poor and disadvantaged, creating a "digital divide" that will grow even stronger due to the absence of or limited internet connectivity/access to technology in rural areas. As per UDISE+ (Unified District Information on School Education, Department of School Education, Government of India), only 9.85% of government schools have a functional computer and 4.09% have an internet connection. This itself puts into question the overwhelming reliance on online education in NEP 2020.

The NEP recommends a spending of 6% of GDP on education. However, spending on education has fallen from 4.14% in 2014-15 to 3.2% in 2020-21 under the BJP regime. Even this amount may get cut down by 40% owing to the coronavirus pandemic in the current year, bringing the education spending to just 2% of the total budget. There is hence no clarity on whether the NEP proposes financing of 6% of GDP to come from public funds or private investments. The fear is that such unstructured commitments may further privatise, commercialise and overly centralise education, thus taking away the autonomy from well-functioning institutes, and also lead to sudden fee hikes and reduction in employment security of the academic staff.

As a nation aiming for a humongous $5 trillion economy, the NEP has to set the course right in attaining the educational goals. We need to rebuild our universities rather than inviting universities from other countries, improve our own research infrastructure, create a strong ecosystem of learning, unlearning and relearning—coupled with inculcating a culture of critical thinking, innovation and research. This should be so systematically executed that it ensures India reclaims its rightful place in the mantle of world education. We should also not miss out on real issues like poor infrastructure, poor research facilities, shortage of teachers, unhealthy government schools and high number of student dropouts. The education policy has to act as a stepping stone towards reclaiming the pedestal India has lost—as a country with thinkers, philosophers, mathematicians, scientists—and not as a distraction to sway people away from the real issues in education.

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Uneasy truce in Rajasthan

It is clear that Sachin Pilot could not pull off the coup. How long the truce holds remains to be seen. The hostility between Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Pilot is rather strong. The BJP perhaps missed a Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Rajasthan. In the end, Pilot's plane failed to take off and he was grounded.
Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Gandhis have done well

The Gandhi family has done a good job in retaining Pilot in the party. Rajasthan was not allowed to go the MP way. The party should read the writing on the wall. The voice of dissidents, whether young or old, should be heard and their grievances redressed. The year 2024 is not far away and there is a compelling need to rejuvenate the grand old party.
Sravana Ramachandran, Chennai

Gadgil report ignored

That Kerala has ignored the report by the Madhav Gadgil-led panel and not designated the Western Ghats as an ecologically sensitive area is a cause for concern. People in Idukki and Wayanad have borne the brunt of nature's fury in the form of three successive floods. The latest Environmental Impact Assessment adds insult to injury. It's time the state government broke its silence and responded to the new law.
Bijumon P N, Idukki

Bhushan and contempt

This is with reference to *No relief for Bhushan from SC over corruption remark* (Aug 11). The senior advocate has cast aspersions on too many former and current judges and will find it tough to extricate himself from the imbroglio.
S Lakshmi, email

Self-reliance in defence

The ban on import of 101 defence items augurs well for an Atmanirbhar Bharat. But the capability of our defence industries to produce these items remains a big question. As has been seen in the case of the ordnance board, any move towards reforms is being opposed by unions.
Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Education for tribal kids

This is with reference to *NEP and improving education quality in tribal areas* (Aug 11). Much more needs to be done to improve the facilities to teach tribal children and prevent dropouts. State governments need to take a proactive role so that tribal youth reach the portals of higher education and compete well with privileged communities.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Learning in mother tongue

The British rulers had initiated a revised education system in English across India for the upkeep of records. An elite class of people proficient in English was created. The remaining section of society turned into a subordinate class. After Independence, we have retained the system. As a result, education for most has been reduced to rote learning. To improve the situation, education in the mother tongue is much needed.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Death of jumbos

The death of 17 elephants in the Coimbatore forest division since January is sad. The authorities should address the causes and the government should resolve to protect jumbos as it had done earlier in the case of tigers.
Timothy K, Oddanchatram

Inconvenience to travellers

Most of the checking staff and officials at airports converse only in Hindi causing inconvenience to travellers. (*Support pours in for Kanimozhi over Hindi row*, Aug 11). I also faced a similar situation at the Chennai airport years ago. The authorities should see that staff deployed in airports know at least English. Having said that, some have made a mountain out of a molehill over this incident.
Radhika Kumar, Chennai

Recognised at last

K N Ananthapadmanabhan was one of India's best spinners. He was extremely unlucky not to have played for the country. In his umpiring stint, he has now been promoted to the ICC's International Panel and is closing in on the Elite Panel.
Devadas V, Kannur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
There is no fear of the law in UP and women are getting increasingly insecure. It appears that the state government does not take incidents of eve-teasing seriously

Babul Supriyo @SuPriyoBabul
How disgusting is it to single out Bengali women after this tragic (Sushant Singh Rajput) incident? What is the connection? Why the stereotyping?

Milind Deora @milinddeora
Life is short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on Twitter arguing with strangers about politics.

Govt calls meet today to discuss vaccine distribution

A key question to be discussed in the meeting would be who gets the Covid vaccine once it's available, apart from logistics

A medic arranges samples for Covid-19 rapid antigen testing in Srinagar | PTI

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE Centre has called a crucial meeting on Wednesday to discuss the details of the Covid-19 vaccine procurement and distribution even as the clinical trials to assess the safety and efficacy of three vaccine candidates are ongoing in the country.

A key question to be discussed in the meeting, headed by Dr V K Paul, member (health) Niti Aayog, would be who gets the vaccine first, once it's available. "The Expert Committee on Vaccine Administration under the chairmanship of Dr V K Paul, NITI Aayog will meet on August 12 to consider logistics & ethical aspects of procurement & administration of #COVID19 vaccine," the Health Ministry tweeted on Wednesday.

"The Committee will engage with all the stakeholders including state governments and vaccine manufacturers," it said in another tweet.

Vaccine prioritisation remains a major issue in India, as reported by this newspaper earlier, and as per the initial estimation, about 30 per cent of the country's population have been identified as the most susceptible to the infectious disease.

As of now, there are three vaccine candidates which are in different stages of human trials in India.

These include a vaccine candidate developed by Bharat Biotech, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Virology which is in phase 1 trial and a potential vaccine by Zydus Cadila that has now entered into phase 2 trial.

Also, an experimental vaccine developed by UK's Oxford University—for which the Serum Institute of India—is a manufacturing partner, has been granted regulatory approvals to conduct phase 2 and 3 trials across 17 sites in the country.

"From pricing to procurement to distribution of the Covid-19 vaccines—there are a lot of issues that need to be decided and this high-level meeting aims to deliberate on these," a senior health ministry official said.

India, at the government level has so far not declared its intent to join the World Health Organisation's COVAX facility. The facility is trying to raise funds to support the rapid development of promising candidates, so that the vaccines once approved, could be produced on mass scale.

COVAX aims to procure at least two billion doses of a novel Coronavirus vaccine by the end of next year, for deployment and distribution mainly in the low- and middle-income countries and under the pack countries will get vaccines for at least 20% of their population.

Last week, the Pune based SII had entered into an agreement with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and international vaccine alliance GAVI under the COVAX mechanism and had said that it would provide about 100 million doses of vaccine to LMICs by mid-2021 at $3 per dose.

3 vaccines in India under trial

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Medical community sceptical of safety as Russia registers world's first vaccine

Merely showing that a vaccine generates antibodies is not enough. It has to be assessed... and it has to be tried in a considerably large number of volunteers
Sudhanshu Vrati, senior virologist

I also read that (Russian President Vladimir) Putin claimed the vaccine was tested on his daughter. I guess that says a lot. This race to be the first is rather silly
Dr Shahid Jameel, virologist

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

AS Russia became the first country to register a Covid-19 vaccine within two months of starting human trials, experts and scientists world over, including in India, have been left baffled and alarmed as no safety data, thus far, is available on this.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday said one of his daughters has already been immunised using the vaccine developed by Gamaleya Research Institute and the Russian defence ministry. The vaccine underwent necessary tests, Russia claimed.

The vaccine, named Sputnik V, has been developed using inanimate particles created on the basis of adenovirus — a common cold virus — and is set to be available for public use in the coming weeks. Vaccine experts in India pointed out that almost no scientific detail on the vaccine is available yet. It was beyond explanation how it could have been established that it was safe and effective within a few weeks of starting human testing, they said.

"I have been looking to find out technical details related to the vaccine in scientific journals globally but could not get any," said Dr Sudhanshu Vrati, a senior virologist who heads the Regional Centre for Biotechnology in Faridabad. He said an utterly rushed launch of the vaccine — after just phase 1 trials in undisclosed number of volunteers — seemed a direct result of "vaccine politics" that seems to have engulfed many countries.

Virologist Dr Shahid Jameel pointed out that there is more to proving safety and efficacy of a vaccine for humans beyond phase 1. "This race to be the first is rather silly," he said.

Dr Vrati stressed that rigorous drug and vaccine testing is particularly important as many vaccines could end up deteriorating the disease in case of actual exposure to the virus. "That happens in case of dengue. That's why merely showing that a vaccine generates antibodies is not enough. It has to be assessed to what extent it works and for how long...," he said.

Dr Anant Bhan, researcher in global health and bioethics, too, said in the absence of any published data on the vaccine, and information seemingly suggesting that the clinical trials have not looked at long-term immunogenicity or vaccine efficacy, especially through well-conducted Phase-3 studies, it seems premature to be launching a vaccine and planning mass vaccination.

"This could mean there is not enough time and data to establish safety and efficacy of the vaccine before it is used, and that could entail risks," he said.

A major controversy had broken out in India last month when the chief of Indian Council of Medical Research had urged researchers involved in the trial of a vaccine by Bharat Biotech to "fast-track" the processes in order to launch the vaccine by August 15.

PAUCITY

Forensics may be a subject in LLB course

SANA SHAKIL @New Delhi

THE Centre may consider introducing forensics as a separate subject in the LLB course considering the shortage of forensic experts in India and the huge demand for studying law courses in the country.

The suggestion was made to the MHA by forensic experts who discussed the issues faced by "forensic science set-up in India". Many suggestions were made in Tuesday's webinar by the NHRC which concluded with a view that the country lacks adequate number of forensic laboratories and manpower.

The human rights body member Jyotika Karla said, "NHRC believes it is the certainty of the sentence and not gravity of it that deters a person from committing a crime and certainty of sentence can only come with solid evidence and proper use of forensic science."

Over 190 participants of the webinar which included officials of the home ministry, state governments, police forces, medical experts and officials of country's forensic laboratories.

Other suggestions like making photography, videography of post mortem more professional, the need to improve mortuary setup.

PRODUCTIVE SESSIONS

'RS FUNCTIONING HAS SHOWN WINDS OF CHANGE'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

ASSERTING that the consistently high productivity of the Rajya Sabha in recent times indicates "winds of change", Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday stressed the need to ensure that Parliament and legislatures become more vibrant by raising the quality of debates and adopting a constructive approach.

Speaking at an event marking completion of his three years in office as Vice President and Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Naidu said that the functioning of the Rajya Sabha has shown certain winds of change as evident in the consistently higher level of productivity and increased legislative output over the last few sessions and the attendance in the meetings of the Committees of Rajya Sabha crossing the 50 per cent mark for the first time.

A publication titled "Connecting, Communicating, Changing" was released today by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at an event organised by the Ministry of Information and Public Broadcasting at Uparashtrapati Bhawan.

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar released the electronic version of the publication. The Publications Division brought out the 251 page book with 334 pictorial illustrations about the range of engagements and activities of Naidu during the last one year.

Talking about the publication, the Vice President said the publication primarily defines the contours of his missions and the outcomes and added that the last one year had been a hectic public engagements followed by corona-induced uneasy slowdown and that the first phase was marked by about 20 public engagements per month with his addressing 14 convocations and spoke at about 70 public events.

On the occasion, Raksha Mantri said oratory is an art and the Vice President speaks from his heart. His his speeches are a reflection of his thoughts and emotions. He added that a good book is the greatest gift a generation can give to another and readers will keep revisiting this book.

The book also covers events relating to the Vice President's foreign visits, his interactions with the world leaders and his addresses to the Indian diaspora in different countries.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Rajnath Singh at book release function | PTI

EXPRESS READ

AirAsia India officials suspended for 3 months

New Delhi: Aviation regulator DGCA has placed two senior executives of AirAsia India under suspension for a period of three months over alleged safety violations. The action was taken on a complaint by one of the AirAsia India's former pilots — who runs a YouTube channel called Flying Beast — alleged that safety norms were violated by the low-cost airline. In June, in a YouTube video, pilot Gaurav Taneja raised concerns over some policies of the airline including adherence to rules during the coronavirus pandemic and aircraft landing procedures. A senior DGCA official said that the suspension was ordered after ascertaining the facts and conducting an enquiry.

DNA test shows Kabul gurdwara bomber was Afghan

The gurdwara in Kabul which was attacked on March 25 | FILE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

A bomber who was part of the March 25 attack on a gurdwara in Kabul was not 'Abu Khalid al-Hindi' from Kerala but an Afghan national, Afghanistan authorities have informed the NIA and India's intelligence agencies.

Authorities carried out a DNA test on the bomber, suspected to be 21-year-old Muhammad Muhsin alias Abu Khalid al-Hindi and the result revealed otherwise.

The Kabul attack case, in which an Indian was killed on a foreign land and one of the bombers was suspected to be an Indian, became the first international case to be investigated by NIA. But now that the suspect has been found to be an Afghan national, it may affect the investigation.

On March 25, three gunmen stormed the gurdwara where hundreds had gathered for prayers, killing 25 people, including an Indian national. The Islamic State-Khorasan Province (ISKP), the Afghanistan arm of the terror group Islamic State, claimed responsibility for it.

A photo released by the terror group of one of the gunmen made the investigating agencies suspect that the photo was of Muhsin, who reportedly joined ISIS in 2016.

The development also raises questions about the speculation that one of the bombers involved in the August 3 Jalalabad jail attack, which left 29 dead, was also from Kerala. Investigation agencies suspect that the bomber is Kalukettiya Purayil Ijas, who had left for Khorasan province in Afghanistan from Hyderabad in the same 'batch' of recruits as Muhsin.

Army ready for a long haul in Ladakh, says CDS

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

CONFIRMING the Chinese design of keeping the tensions alive along the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat has told a parliamentary panel that Army is prepared for a long haul.

The military brass led by CDS Rawat briefed the parliamentary panel on the current status, confirming that the de-escalation process might take time. A senior officer said the stand-off is getting stretched as the Chinese are waiting for an opportune moment. "The Chinese side is not fulfilling disengagement agreements as they have done massive mobilisation of troops. However, that has not led to any major gain which they can project among their people. Hence, they are causing this impasse," the officer told this newspaper.

The CDS told the panel that the troops are deployed in commensurate strength along with armoured, artillery and missile launchers to thwart any imminent design of the PLA. The briefing came when the top military commanders appeared before the PAC on the issue of procurement of high-altitude clothing for the troops.

The Defence Acquisition Council accorded approval for capital acquisitions of amounting of ₹8,722.38 crore. The procurements approved included 106 Basic Trainer Aircraft from HAL for the IAF, an upgraded version of Super Rapid Gun Mount from BHEL for the Navy and 125 mm Armour Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot ammunition for the Army.

4G services on trial basis in two districts of J&K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that 4G internet services will be restored on a trial basis in two districts in Jammu and Kashmir which have low threshold of terrorist activities.

Attorney General KK Venugopal informed the bench headed by Justice N V Ramana that one district each will be selected in Jammu and Kashmir region to start the services after August 15.

"The situation in the two districts will be monitored for two months, after which it will be reviewed," Venugopal said adding that the districts will not be in the area adjoining the Line of Control.

High speed internet service in Jammu and Kashmir has been suspended since over a year after the Centre scrapped state's special status under Article 370 and bifurcated it into two union territories — Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. The submissions came while the bench was hearing a contempt petition by an NGO Foundation for Media Professionals against the Centre for failing to comply with its May 11 judgment.

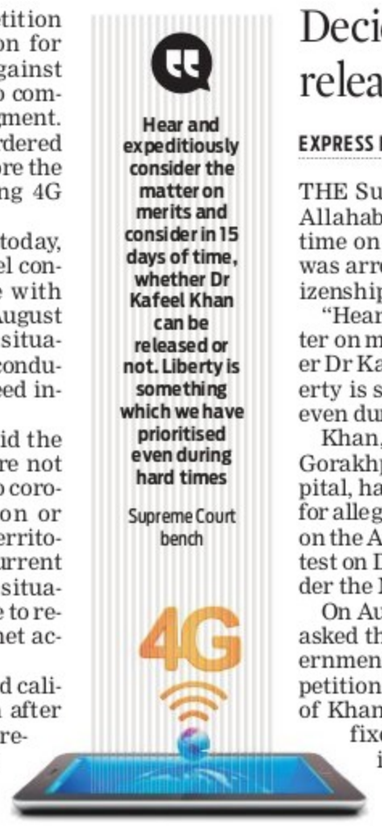
The court had then ordered to set up a panel to explore the possibility of resuming 4G services in J&K.

During the hearing today, Venugopal said the panel constituted in accordance with the court order met on August 10 and opined that the situation in J&K is still not conducive to resume high-speed internet services.

Attorney General said the internet restrictions are not posing any hindrance to coronavirus care, education or business in the union territory and that given the current security scenario, the situation is not yet conducive to restore high-speed internet access to mobile phones.

However, a careful and calibrated view was taken after which it recommended restoring 4G services in areas under strict vigilance, he said.

Hear and expeditiously consider the matter on merits and consider in 15 days of time, whether Dr Kafeel Khan can be released or not. Liberty is something which we have prioritised even during hard times
Supreme Court bench



Decide on Dr Kafeel Khan release in 15 days, HC told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Allahabad High Court to decide in 15 days time on the release of Dr Kafeel Khan, who was arrested in January during the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protests.

"Hear and expeditiously consider the matter on merits and consider in 15 days, whether Dr Kafeel Khan can be released or not. Liberty is something which we have prioritised even during hard times," the bench said.

Khan, who was earlier suspended from the Gorakhpur's BRD Medical College and Hospital, has been in detention since January 29 for allegedly making an inflammatory speech on the AMU campus during an anti-CAA protest on December 10, 2019. He was booked under the NSA for the same.

On August 6, the Allahabad High Court had asked the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government to file their replies in the case on a petition filed by Nuzhat Parween, the mother of Khan, seeking her son's release. The court fixed August 19 as the next date of hearing in the case. Khan's petitioner said that he was granted bail but was not released for four days.

Pranab's condition worsens, on ventilator support: Hospital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE condition of former President Pranab Mukherjee has worsened and he remains on ventilator support, the Army's Research and Referral (R&R) Hospital said on Tuesday.

The 84-year-old was admitted to the military hospital on Monday, and had also tested positive for Covid-19 prior to the surgery.

"Pranab Mukherjee's health condition continues to remain critical at Army Hospital (R&R) Delhi Cantonment. The former president, who underwent lifesaving emergency surgery for brain clot on 10 August 2020, has not shown any improvement and his health status has worsened. He remains on ventilatory support," the hospital said in its latest statement.

It earlier said the former President was admitted to the hospital at 1207 hours on August 10, 2020 in a critical condition.

"Workup at the hospital revealed a large brain clot for which he underwent emergency life saving surgery," the hospital said. A multidisciplinary team of doctors is constantly monitoring the health of the former president.

Mukherjee tweeted on Monday that he had tested positive for Covid and urged people who had come in contact with him in the last week to isolate themselves and get tested for coronavirus. Soon after the news of his hospitalisation, wishes poured in from various quarters for his early recovery and a number of leaders sent their wishes on Twitter.

President Ram Nath Kovind also spoke to Mukherjee's daughter Sharmistha Mukherjee and enquired about his health on Monday evening.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the R&R Hospital on Monday and enquired about the former president's health.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also sent in his best wishes.

With inputs from PTI

WOMAN TRAMPLED
A 60-year-old woman was trampled to death by a tusker in Alipurduar district. The woman fell down on a lane and came face-to-face with the jumbo, which was on a rampaging spree after straying from Jaldapara forest on Monday

03 FRESH DEATHS DUE TO COVID IN GUJARAT

Ahmedabad	29	25	Mumbai	27	23
Bhopal	28	24	Panaji	30	25
Jaipur	33	26	Patna	35	28
Amritsar	34	26	Lucknow	33	28
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	29	23
Srinagar	34	17	Chandigarh	33	26

SC clears the air on Daughters' Rights to HUF property

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

IN a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled in favour of rights of daughters to have a share in a Hindu Undivided Family property.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra settled the disputed question of law and held that daughters will have a right to parental property in accordance with the 2005 amendment to the Hindu Succession Act.

The court held that daughters' rights are absolute after the amendment and that she would have the right of inheritance irrespective of whether the father was alive at the time of the amendment or not.

"Daughters cannot be deprived of their right to equality conferred by Section 6 of the Act. Daughter is always a loving daughter for the rest of their life. A son is a son till he is married. The daughter shall remain a coparcener throughout life, irrespective of whether her father is alive or not," Justice Arun Mishra said while pronouncing the judgment.

A coparcener is one who shares equally in the inheritance of an undivided property.

The remarks by the court came when it was hearing a batch of appeals that raised the issue of ancestral property inheritance. The pleas raised question if the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005 has a retrospective effect. The judgment holds significance as the court held that rights under the amendment are applicable to living daughters of living coparceners as on September 9, 2005, irrespective of when they were born.

In 2018, a Supreme Court bench had said the amended Hindu Succession Act of 2005 stipulated that a daughter would be a coparcener since birth, and have the same rights and liabilities as a son.

This clarification is important since it sets aside a clutch of previous decisions by the top court and it cited the objective of the amendment to say that daughters were to be given a right in the HUF as a coparcener, equal to a son, and that such conditions go against the spirit of the amendment carried out.

SC reserves order on Rhea's petition

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on Rhea Chakraborty's plea for transfer of the FIR lodged in Patna by late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's father K K Singh to the Mumbai Police. During a three-hour-long hearing, the Bihar government and Rajput's father pushed for a CBI probe into the actor's death's case, while Maharashtra opposed it. After hearing arguments from the representatives of all parties, including Shyam Divan for Rhea, Vikas Singh for K K Singh, Abhishek Manu Singhvi for the Maharashtra government and Maninder Singh for the Bihar government, the apex court said the Maharashtra and Bihar governments, in their arguments, have made out a strong case for an investigation by an independent central agency. The court granted all parties time till Thursday to submit their written submissions.

CM mellows, Pilot hurt by name-calling

Gehlot says he will hold talks with 'upset' MLAs to resolve issues, suspended Dy CM says he didn't want any post

RAJESH ASNANI & RICHA SHARMA
@ Jaipur/New Delhi

IN an indication that the bad blood between Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot is not dead and buried, the rebel Congress leader said he was offended and hurt at being called names even though his bête noire appeared to mellow down, saying it was his duty to see that everyone in the party was happy.

Pilot told the media in Jaipur, where he returned after a month, that he had "no hard feelings," but said he expected the "head of the family" to resolve disputes and take everyone along.

Before Pilot's arrival in the state capital, Gehlot had left for Jaisalmer, where he held a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party late into the night. Talking to reporters before leaving, the CM said he would seek to understand the reasons for the revolt and would try to resolve the discontent.

"As the CM, it is my responsibility to satisfy the MLAs who are upset with me. I will find out why they are upset with me and I will hold talks with them to resolve all issues," he said.

Though distinctly soft on Pilot, Gehlot was unsparing in his attack on the BJP, which he claimed had been exposed badly in the Rajasthan crisis.

"The BJP tried everything in its might to overthrow the Rajasthan government but not even one MLA broke away. They misused the ED, Income Tax and the CBI to scare our people and topple our government but they flopped. My government will complete its full term of five years," he said.

Earlier in the day in New Delhi, Pilot said he had not demanded any post from the party and had only raised issues relating to the functioning of the government.

Asked why he had rebelled, Pilot said he was "sad for the way the sedition notice was given and it now stands withdrawn after 25 days. We went to court and several cases were registered. These actions could have been avoided as I and other MLAs raised issues and there should not be vendetta politics." On him being called "nikkama" and "nakara" by Gehlot, he said neither he nor his MLAs said anything against the party, its ideology or the government.

Congress leader Sachin Pilot interacts with the media in New Delhi | PARVEEN NEGI

Crisis averted, but Cong may face bumpy ride now

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Jaipur/Delhi

THE Congress may have avoided a rebellion in its Rajasthan unit, but it has yet another tough task on its hands: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is not keen on 'accommodating' the dissident MLAs.

A day after the truce, Sachin Pilot reiterated that he is not looking for any posts and would work for the party. But sources say he has told the three-member oversight panel formed by party chief Sonia Gandhi that his men should be accommodated in the cabinet and other party organisational posts.

The committee will have to tread cautiously to find an amicable solution even though the month-long political drama seems to have ended, temporarily. Party sources say any solution looks like a double-edged sword as Pilot and Gehlot will always look to settle scores in future.

"Pilot's stature in the organisation has diminished after his month-long revolt and Gehlot has proved his political prowess. The central leadership is just a medium. It is unlikely that Pilot will be reinstated as the Deputy CM or PCC chief as Gehlot will have the full powers," said a senior party leader.

Following a meeting with committee members consisting of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, KC Venugopal and Ahmed Patel, Pilot was assured that there would be no disciplinary action against the rebel MLAs as demanded by the Gehlot camp.

During the meeting, Pilot was offered a post in the AICC, but he wanted to focus on Jaipur. Sources say more such meetings will take place to firm up a formula.

There is a strong buzz that party general secretary incharge for Rajasthan, Avinash Pande, could be shifted from Rajasthan during the AICC reshuffle as he is considered close to the Gehlot camp.

6 Cong MLAs quit in Manipur day after trust vote

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OPPOSITION Congress in Manipur suffered another setback as six of its MLAs resigned from the Assembly on Tuesday, citing "lack of trust in the leadership of Okram Ibobi Singh.

The development comes a day after Chief Minister N Biren Singh, who heads a BJP-led coalition government, won the confidence motion a via voice vote on Monday evening.

The six are among the eight Congress MLAs who had abstained from voting, defying a whip issued by the party.

The MLAs, including Okram Henry, Oinam Lukhoi, Md Abdul Nasir, Paonam Brojen, Ngamthang Haokip and Ginsuanhau, submitted their resignations to Speaker Yumnam Khemchand Singh, who has accepted them barring Paonam Brojen's resignation against whom disqualification petitions were filed earlier.

In a notification, Assembly secretary M Ramani Devi said the "judgement and order" on the disqualification petitions against Brojen would be delivered on August 14.

Okram Henry is the nephew of Congress veteran and former CM O Ibobi Singh.

Their lack of trust in the party's state leadership was said to be a reason behind the resignations. They may join the BJP.

"What is the timing of accepting the resignations by the Speaker? Can the acceptance be done by the Speaker during the session in which the whip was already issued to all Congress MLAs, many days before?" asked Congress spokesman Ningombam Bupenda Meitei. On Monday, O Ibobi Singh alleged that the Speaker's style of functioning was tantamount to "murder of democracy" after he went for a voice vote instead of a division vote.

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MIZORAM

Gynaecologist MLA helps deliver baby

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@ Guwahati

A frequently-travelling Mizoram MLA became a godsend for a pregnant woman. C Lalhmangaihsangi from Ngur village in Mizoram's remote Champhai district, which shares a border with Myanmar, was going through labour pain and bleeding on Monday, but the only doctor at the district hospital was on leave as he was unwell.

When gynaecologist-turned-politician Dr ZR Thiamsanga, a Mizo National Front (MNF) MLA representing the Champhai North constituency, learnt about the woman's condition he rushed to the hospital and helped her deliver through the caesarian section.

Thiamsanga, who served for 30 years as a gynaecologist, told this newspaper that the woman's condition was critical and she needed an immediate surgery. He said the woman and her kid are fine now.

Lalhmangaihsangi's family was planning to take her to state capital Aizawl, which is nearly 200 km away and around 10 hours drive from Champhai. Thiamsanga said if the family had done that, the woman and the unborn baby would not have survived.

"She could not deliver due to complications," he said.

1950-2020

Poet-lyricist Rahat Indori, once called a jihadi, dies of Covid-19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

WHEN I die write a different identity of me, write Hindustan with blood on my forehead

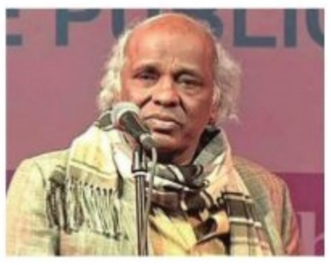
Once called a jihadi, this is what renowned Bollywood lyricist and Urdu poet Rahat Indori, who died in his home town Indore on Tuesday, penned in response to the jibe.

Hours after testing positive for the novel coronavirus, Indori breathed his last at a private hospital where he was admitted for treatment.

According to official sources at the Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences in Indore, the famous poet suffered three successive heart attacks between 4.15 pm and 4.30 pm. Despite attempts by doctors to revive him, he couldn't be saved and was declared dead.

Indori was shifted from another private hospital to SAIMS, a dedicated Covid-19 hospital, on Monday night and tested positive on Tuesday morning.

In his last tweet this morning, the Indori confirmed having tested Covid positive and urged his well-wishers to pray for his recovery.



Rahat Indori

The septuagenarian who completed 50 years in poetry recently, had penned many famous Bollywood songs, including for hit films such as *Munnabhai MBBS, Ghatak, Ishq, Khuddar* and *Meenaxi*.

He worked with all major music directors and playback singers, including A R Rehman, Anu Malik, Arijit Singh and Alka Yagnik.

Many of his poems and ghazals were fiercely nationalistic and extolled the virtues of dissent and opposing views.

Among them was *Agar khilaf hai hone do* (If someone is against, let him be), penned many years ago, seemed to enjoy a second life during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens.

An iconic line in the poem, *Sabhi ka khoon hai shamil yahan ki mitti mein, kisi ke baap ka Hindustan thodi hai* (Everybody's is blood mingled in the soil, India is not anyone's personal property), resonated among the protesters and formed the slogan on placards.

Born in Indore on January 1, 1950, as Rahat Qureshi, the famous poet penned many poems, including recent poem titled '*Bulati hai magar jaane ka nahi*', which inspired many memes on the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing.

He did his schooling from Nutan School and graduation from Islamia Karimia College, Indore. He also did his PhD in Urdu Literature from Bhoj University of Madhya Pradesh.

Indori had also featured in Kapil Sharma's popular TV show twice and was famous for his Urdu poems and mushairas, globally.

Atal's niece to train Cong to take on BJP

ENS @ Bhopal

GIVEN BJP's strong penetration down to the booth level in elections, the Madhya Pradesh Congress will in the coming days train its workers, a campaign headed by none other than **Karuna Shukla**, niece of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, from Chhattisgarh.

By-elections for 27 Assembly seats are due in the state in a few months.

Former minister Sajjan Singh Verma told this paper that Karuna had played an important role in Congress' 2018 assembly poll victory in Chhattisgarh. "Our trainers will also go into detail about BJP's management. What better way to learn this than from the one-time BJP insider, Karuna Shukla," said Verma.

Shukla was the BJP's Lok Sabha member from Janjgir seat of Chhattisgarh between 2004 and 2009, but lost in 2009 from Korba. She quit the BJP in October 2013.

UP Class 12 topper dies in mishap, harassment alleged

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A 20-year-old woman was killed in a road accident while reportedly trying to escape bike-borne eve-teasers in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district on Tuesday.

The woman, Sudiksha Bhati, was a brilliant student, a topper who had scored 98% in her CBSE Class 12 exams and was studying at Babson College in the US. She had come home for the holidays and was due to return to the US on August 20.

Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has ordered Bulandshahr police to nab the culprits within 24 hours.

Sudiksha was going to a relative's place with her uncle Manoj Bhati when her scooter collided with a bike driven by a hooligan, her father Jitendra Bhati said. He further said Sudiksha was riding pillion when two bike-borne boys started harassing her and began performing stunts, which led to the accident. "She fell down and died on the spot," he said.

However, Bulandshahr's district magistrate and police chief rejected the claims of harassment.

The uncle Manoj Bhati said she had been harassed by two men. He had also insisted that he was riding on the bike. Officials, however, said Sudiksha was riding pillion with her young brother - "a minor" - when his motorcycle crashed into another bike that had abruptly stopped ahead of them "due to traffic".

Sudiksha was on her way from Dadri in Gautam Buddh Nagar to Bulandshahr 40 kilometres away, district magistrate Ravindra Kumar said. He added that neither Sudhiksha nor her companion had worn an helmet.

The police also tweeted an excerpt from his younger brother's video statement which, the police said, did not make any reference to the alleged harassment.

Her uncle Manoj Bhati earlier told reporters that the two men started "performing stunts near them" and would overtake them, then let them pass. At one point, the men stopped their bike just in front of their two-wheeler.

Man killed by wild boar in Guwahati

A man was killed in the heart of Guwahati after being attacked by a wild boar that ventured out from one of the hills in the city. The animal had attacked at least five people before it was killed by some people. An employee of the Assam Archaeology Department who succumbed to his injuries later. The boar had emerged at a place close to Guwahati Press Club. As it kept attacking people, the forest department was informed. But by the time its personnel arrived at the spot, the animal was killed. Locals had allegedly attacked the animal with sharp weapons and stones to kill it.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

NIA court rejects activist Akhil Gogoi's bail plea

Arrested Assam activist Akhil Gogoi continued to remain in judicial custody. Last week, a special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) rejected his bail plea. Gogoi was arrested in December last year in connection with a case pertaining to his alleged nexus with the CPI (Maoist). The NIA said the case pertains to a larger conspiracy hatched by the CPI (Maoist) wherein Gogoi and other accused conspired and incited acts preparatory to the commission of terrorist acts. "The conspiracy included disrupting supplies and services...and causing damage and destruction to public and private property aimed at striking terror in a section of people. Gogoi and others have used the passage of the CAA Bill as an opportunity to promote enmity between different groups," it said.

Army officer appointed NCC Northeast ADG

Major General Ananta Bhuyan, a resident of Assam, has been appointed as the ADG of National Cadet Corps, Northeast region. An alumnus of the Sainik School in Assam's Goalpara and the National Defence Academy, Bhuyan was commissioned into the Kumaon Regiment of the Indian Army in 1983. He has had extensive operational experience in varied appointments in different parts of the country. He was one of the pioneers of Siachen Glacier. "As a brigade commander, he made immense contributions to counter-insurgency operations in Assam. He was conferred with an award of Sena Medal for his exceptional devotion to duty," a defence statement stated.

IIT makes 'meta-grid' to boost LEDs

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, and Imperial College, London, have developed a tailored "meta-grid" of nanoparticles that could make LEDs brighter, energy-efficient and durable. Meta-grid is a specifically patterned array (grid) of nanoparticles acting as metamaterials, capable of exhibiting extraordinary optical properties. An increase in LED light output would significantly reduce energy needs on a large scale. The meta-grid needs to be placed at an appropriate location within the epoxy casing of the LEDs, for improving light output from LEDs.

6 PEOPLE

have been killed in southern Ethiopia this week in unrest related to a bid to establish a new federal region, officials and a rights body said on Tuesday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	28	24	HR	Los Angeles	28	18	SNY
Colombo	31	25	TDS	Melbourne	14	10	LR
Doha	42	31	SNY	Moscow	17	12	LC
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	29	22	SNY
Houston	35	24	SNY	Singapore	32	26	TDS
Istanbul	32	21	SNY	Toronto	29	18	SNY
London	33	20	LC	Washington DC	32	24	HR

Belarus opposition candidate Tsikhanouskaya flees to Lithuania

In a video statement on Tuesday, she apologised to her supporters for leaving the country and urged them to respect the law and avoid clashing with police

BEIRUT

THE top opposition candidate in Belarus' presidential vote, who initially refused to concede her defeat amid a massive police crackdown on anti-government protesters, on Tuesday said she has left for Lithuania and called on her supporters to end demonstrations.

Looking haggard and distressed, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, a former teacher and political novice, apologised to her supporters in a video statement and said it was her own choice to leave the country.

"It was a very hard decision to make," she said. "I know that many of you will understand me, many others will condemn me and some will even hate me. But God forbid you ever face the choice that I faced."

In another video statement, she urged her supporters to respect the law and avoid clashes with police. Her campaign aides said she made the unexpected move under duress. Tsikhanouskaya's husband has been at a Belarusian jail since his arrest in May.

"It's very difficult to resist pressure when your family and all your inner circle have been taken hostages," said Maria Kolesnikova, a top associate of Tsikhanouskaya. Tsikhanovskaya's campaign put out a statement urging authorities to end the violent crackdown and engage in a dialogue with protesters on a "peaceful transition of power."

Police detain a protester during a mass protest following presidential election in Minsk on Monday. (Right-corner) Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya | AP

But Belarus' 65-year-old authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has ruled the ex-Soviet nation of 9.5 million with an iron fist since 1994, derided the opposition as "sheep" manipulated by foreign masters and vowed to continue the tough crackdown on protests despite Western rebukes.

She previously dismissed the official results of Sunday's election that showed Lukashenko winning a sixth term with 80 per cent of the vote and her getting just 10 per cent.

Western governments have condemned the police crackdown, with some in the European Union suggesting it may reimpose sanctions on Lukashenko's regime that were lifted several years ago.

On Tuesday, the EU declared that the election had been "neither free nor fair."

In a statement from EU chief diplomat Josep Borrell on behalf of the 27 member states, the bloc threatened to "take measures on those responsible for the observed violence, unjustified arrests, and falsification of election results."

The White House said it was "deeply concerned" by the violence.

Polish Foreign Minister Jacek Czaputowicz said Warsaw was "ready to act as a mediator" between Lukashenko and the opposition after calling for an emergency EU summit.

However, Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated Lukashenko, a longtime ally, as did Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

Lukashenko was defiant on Monday, vowing he would not allow Belarus to be "torn apart" and suggesting protesters were foreign pawns.

Agencies

Don rescued amid shooting at WH during press meet

WASHINGTON

A UNIFORMED Secret Service officer shot and wounded a man during a confrontation near the White House that led to President Donald Trump being abruptly escorted out of a briefing room during a televised news conference Monday, authorities said.

The White House complex was not breached and no one under Secret Service protection was in danger, said Tom Sullivan, chief of the Secret Service Uniformed Division.

The name of the man, 51, and his condition were not released by Sullivan. The District of Columbia fire department said the man suffered serious or possibly critical injuries.

Sullivan said the man had claimed he was armed, moved aggressively toward the officer, and appeared ready to fire before the officer shot him once. Sullivan did not address whether the man had indeed been armed. Law enforcement officials were trying to determine a motive and authorities were investigating whether the man had a history of mental illness.

Trump had just begun a coronavirus briefing when a US Secret Service agent escorted him from the briefing room. The president returned minutes later, saying there had been a "shooting" outside the White House that was "under control."

The president said law enforcement had fired the shots and that he believed the individual who was shot was armed. "It was the suspect who was shot," he said.

Trump said the agent had escorted him to the Oval Office. The White House was placed on lockdown following the incident. *AP*

Trump wants to host G-7, invite Russia after polls

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump said that he wants to host the Group of Seven, leading industrialised nations, after the November presidential election and still wants to invite Russia, which was kicked out of the G-7 after it annexed Crimea. "I'm much more inclined to do it sometime after the election," Trump told reporters at a White House briefing, adding that due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting could be held in person or via teleconference. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Clash between PML-N workers and police

Over 50 workers of opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) were arrested on Tuesday after they clashed with police during former PM Nawaz Sharif's daughter Maryam Nawaz's appearance before the anti-graft body in a land case here. Several workers and policemen suffered injuries during the clash. The windscreen of Maryam's bullet-proof car was also damaged. "Police personnel also rounded up the workers and brutally tortured them, causing injuries to several," PML-N spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb told *PTI*, adding the episode exposed the fascist mindset of the Imran Khan regime. Following the violence, National Accountability Bureau asked Maryam to return home as it will re-summon her in illegal acquisition of 1,400 kanal of land in Raiwind

SINGAPORE

Massive ivory haul on the eve of World Elephant Day

Singapore began destroying nine tonnes of seized ivory on Tuesday, the largest such action globally in recent years, including contraband tusks that came from more than 300 African elephants. The destruction by an industrial rock crusher was held on the eve of World Elephant Day, and aims to prevent the items from re-entering the market and disrupt the global supply chain of illegally traded ivory, Singapore's National Parks Board said

THAILAND

Missing activist's family vows to 'have faith'

The family of a missing Thai pro-democracy activist celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, vowing not to give up hope for his return more than two months after he was allegedly abducted in Cambodia. The disappearance of Wanchalearm Satsaksit was one of the catalysts for a growing pro-democracy movement in Thailand, which has seen thousands turn out to protest the military-aligned administration. Wanchalearm, a critic of the Thai government led by former army chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha, was abducted off the streets of Phnom Penh in early June, according to rights groups

Putin's Covid vaccine may not get WHO stamp soon

MOSCOW

RUSSIA on Tuesday became the first country to approve a coronavirus vaccine, a move that was met with international scepticism and unease because the shots have only been studied in dozens of people.

However, western scientists have previously raised concerns about the speed of development of Russian vaccines, suggesting that researchers might be cutting corners.

The WHO's spokesman in Geneva Tarik Jasarevic said it was in "close contact" with Russian health authorities but that it was too soon for any WHO stamp of approval.

"Pre-qualification of any vaccine includes the rigorous review and assessment of all the required safety and efficacy data," he said.

In Berlin, a spokesman for the German health ministry told newspaper group *RND* that "there is no known data on the quality, efficacy and safety of the Russian vaccine," adding that "patient safety is of the highest priority."

By comparison, vaccines entering final-stage testing in the US require studies of 30,000 people each. Two vaccine candidates already have begun those huge studies, with three more set to get underway by fall.

"Fast-tracked approval will not make Russia the leader in the race, it will just expose consumers of the vaccine to unnecessary danger," said Russia's Association of Clinical Trials Organizations, in urging government officials to postpone approving the vaccine without completed advanced trials. *Agencies*

GUN SEIZURES UP AT U.S. AIRPORTS

With air traffic nearing a five-month high, airport security is finding guns in passenger carry-on bags at three times the rate recorded before the pandemic. And 80% of the guns are loaded. We take a look

300+ Guns seized in July by officials

15.3 guns for every million people screened, compared with 5.1 per million people in July of last year, the Transportation Security Administration said

Security checkpoint of Denver International Airport | AP

FEAR OF BIDEN'S GUN STANCE

Cowen analyst Cai von Rumohr, who tracks gun sales, said the increases are likely due to fear about Covid-19 lockdowns, civil unrest, and former Vice President Joe Biden's lead over President Donald Trump in polls ahead of the November 3 election "given his more restrictive stance on gun control relative to President Donald Trump"

STILL LEGAL?

- It is legal to transport guns in checked bags if they are unloaded and in a locked case
- The TSA can impose civil penalties and suspend people from faster-screening programs such as TSA PreCheck
- But decisions on whether to file criminal charges are usually left to local authorities

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

The discoveries at airports come at a time when US gun sales are surging, and analysts believe many of those purchases are being made by first-time buyers

INCREASE IN BACKGROUND CHECKS

Background checks on gun buyers have been rising every month compared with a year earlier since April 2019, but they picked up even faster this year

3 million

- The number of checks topped 3 million in four of the last five months
- They had not exceeded 3 million in one month since December 2015
- FBI figures show that there were more than 3.6 million firearms background checks requested on buyers in July

79% increase from July 2019, following a 70% increase in June

4,432 guns seized in carry-on bags by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in 2019, this is 12.1 per day, and 87% were loaded

Had sent virus aid quietly to avoid China, says Taiwan

TAIPEI

TAIWAN sent Covid-19 assistance to foreign countries surreptitiously to avoid protests from China, its foreign minister said on Tuesday during a meeting with the highest-level American official to visit the island in four decades.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory and has sought to isolate it diplomatically, including barring its participation in forums such as the World Health Assembly.

The trip by US Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar comes against the backdrop of a sharp downturn in relations between China and the US and Azar said in his remarks that the US supported Taiwan's participation in international health forums. China's attempts to isolated Taiwan has compelled the island at times to keep its donations of masks and personal protective equipment under the radar, Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said.

"Truth is, we even had to deliver these supplies quietly in some occasions to keep the recipients free from trouble, trouble from Beijing," Wu said.

Taiwan has brought its virus outbreak under control, and Wu said the island has donated 51 million masks overseas, including 10 million to the US, along with other items of personal protective equipment. He did not name the other countries to which Taiwan has made quiet donations or give other details.

Just 15 countries maintain formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan, and China has sought to peel away its remaining allies. *AP*

Hong Kong pro-democracy media mogul Jimmy Lai (centre) released on bail from the Mong Kok police station | AFP

Hong Kong's pro-democracy media tycoon freed on bail

HONG KONG

HONG KONG pro-democracy media mogul Jimmy Lai walked free on bail Wednesday, over a day after he and other critics of China were rounded up by police as part of a widening crackdown on dissent.

When Lai left a police station he was swarmed by dozens of cheering supporters, some of whom waved copies of his Apple Daily in a show of support. A clampdown has gathered pace in Hong Kong since China imposed a sweeping security law in June, with opposition politicians disqualified and activists arrested for social media posts.

The moves have provoked outrage in the West and fear for millions who last year took to the streets to protest communist China's tightening grip on the semi-autonomous city. In one of the most dramatic days of the crackdown, Lai was among 10 people detained under the new law on Monday as around 200 police officers searched the newsroom of his tabloid, which is unapologetically critical of Beijing.

Lai did not address the crowd upon his release, but was bundled into a car that inched away through the crowd.

In a display of solidarity for Lai, people in the city rushed to buy Tuesday's Apple Daily, with the newspaper saying it had upped its print run to 5,50,000 from the normal circulation of 70,000.

Lai's arrest sparked a buying spree in shares of his media group, and between Monday morning and closing time on Tuesday its stock value had risen by more than 1,100 per cent. *AFP*

UNCERTAIN TIMES

A week after explosion, Lebanon's crisis deepens

BEIRUT

THE resignation of Lebanon's government deepened political uncertainty as Beirut on Tuesday marked one week since the deadly port explosion rocked the capital and shook the nation to its core.

The August 4 blast, the country's worst peacetime tragedy which killed at least 160 people and wounded over 6,000, is widely blamed on state negligence and has ignited unprecedented popular rage against the ruling class.

Under pressure from all sides, Prime Minister Hassan Diab announced his government's resignation on Monday, even as protesters clashed with riot police near his office for a third consecutive evening of street violence.

The blast rocked Lebanon at a time when it was already on its knees, having defaulted on its massive debt and seen poverty rise to near third world levels. Some observers argue that the massive extra burden and the deep popular anger over the tragedy will reduce the room for manoeuvre of Lebanon's politicians, who also face pressure to agree as a condition for foreign assistance.

A mannequin stands in the window of destroyed gallery in the neighbourhood of Gemmayzeh on Tuesday, following the explosion that devastated large parts of Beirut | AP

"They will find it very difficult to avoid the kind of structural reforms that the international community has made a precondition for any aid," said political science professor Bassel Salloukh of the Lebanese American University.

France has taken the lead of the international emergency response and President Emmanuel Macron chaired an aid conference that raised a quarter of a million euros.

He visited Beirut two days after the disaster and adopted a tough tone with the Lebanese leaders he met, warning that they needed to strike "a revamped pact with the Lebanese people".

For now Diab's team will continue in a caretaker capacity, as Lebanon faces some of its darkest hours, but negotiations were underway for a successor.

According to the *Al-Akhbar* daily newspaper, veteran diplomat Nawaf Salam is favoured by Paris, Washington and Riyadh, three of the key outside power brokers in Lebanon. Iran, sponsor of Lebanon's dominant Hezbollah movement, also appeared to be on board with such a scenario, which would see Salam head up a neutral government not hostile to the Shiite group. *AFP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
224.93	Sensex	38,407.01	₹99	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,438	₹2,650	Per kg	₹72,500	Dollar	74.77
52.35	Nifty	11,322.50	₹99	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,338	₹2.65	Per gm	₹72.50	Euro	87.83

Axis, HDFC banks raise ₹20,000 cr via QIPs

The private lenders have raised ₹10,000 crore equity capital each to enhance capital adequacy amid Covid-19 stress

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

IN a drive to raise capital on the advise of the RBI governor Shaktikanta Das, private lenders Axis Bank and HDFC Ltd have raised ₹20,000 crore by issuing shares to qualified investors. Housing finance major HDFC Ltd on Tuesday said it has raised ₹10,000 crore equity capital by issuing shares to qualified investors, including Government of Singapore and Invesco Oppenheimer Developing Markets Fund.

In a regulatory filing, HDFC said it has issued 5,68,18,181 equity shares at an issue price of ₹1,760, aggregating to ₹10,000 crore. Besides, it raised ₹3,693 crore through an issue of non-convertible debentures.

In a separate statement Axis Bank, too, said it has been able to raise ₹10,000 crore from the market.The bank had announced the opening of its QIP last week to raise funds to enhance its capital adequacy.

According to the statement, Axis Bank's QIP issuance was done at a price of ₹420.1 per equity share, which is a five per cent discount to the floor price of ₹442.19. However, the bank did not reveal the name of investors.

"We have successfully closed our QIP of ₹10,000 crore. We have received great response from global and local investors alike, and I am grateful to them for their continued faith in the Axis Bank franchise. We believe that the bank is well placed to leverage all the possible growth opportunities that will come in as the economy opens up and is in a strong position to combat the challenges that emanate from the Covid-19 pandemic crisis," Amitabh Chaudhry, MD and CEO, Axis Bank, said.

In the last few months, a host of private banks have lined up to raise capital. On May 26, Kotak Mahindra Bank had kicked off its mega billion-dollar QIP and share sale which saw a tremendous response and essentially triggered a fundraising frenzy for domestic financials. After the bank raised ₹7,440 crore, other followed including, Yes Bank (₹15,000 crore) and IDFC Bank (₹2,000 crore).

Similarly, ICICI Bank has also launched its ₹15,000 crore QIP, among other banks, including small banks, that have announced or indicated similar plans to improve their capital adequacy, keeping in view the stress on their balance sheet due to the pandemic.

Centre's ₹21 L cr stimulus yet to be unboxed entirely

SUNITHA NATTI

NEARLY three months after the roll out of the ₹21 lakh crore Atmanirbhar economic stimulus package, details of its transmission are delightful, only partly.

That's because, several big-ticket items remain unboxed. If the ₹1 lakh crore agricultural infrastructure fund just got its shape, others like the ₹50,000 crore Fund of Funds for MSMEs or the ₹50,000 crore coal evacuation infrastructure await their turn. Little progress is visible on Tranche-3 announcements aggregating ₹50,000 crore towards animal husbandry or formalisation of micro food enterprises, while the ₹70,000 crore credit-linked housing subsidy entails little government spend.

Incidentally, these were all part of FY21 budget with expenditure spanning 3-4 years. Thus, hopes of an anticipated Stimulus-II prompts us to place it both as a proxy and a precondition for economic revival.

It's difficult to quantify right away but much support has been done, given the food, MGNREGA and credit lines are in motion...

Rahul Bajoria, chief economist, Barclays

That said, economists TNIE spoke to confirmed that much of the fiscal component including cash and in-kind transfers has been dutifully spent. Some credit measures too are on fast-track with banks sanctioning about half of the ₹3 lakh crore credit guarantee for MSMEs and ₹2 lakh crore concessional credit to farmers. "Since several schemes have monthly, one-off, and liquidity measures, it's difficult to quantify right away. But if one were to do that, much support has been done, given the food, MGNREGA and credit lines are already in motion," said Rahul Bajoria, Chief Economist, Barclays India. He added the government still has room for ₹40,000-50,000 crore to spend, which could come around the festive season.

Several sectors need policy support, but Bajoria believes funds should be channelled to revive discretionary spending as they tend to have a multiplier effect. That throws up two questions: How much should be spent and where? Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Care Ratings believes at least 2% of GDP or ₹4 lakh crore should be plonked down right away. "Until now, focus was more on credit channel, which works to the extent that companies require funding. But we need to create jobs which cannot happen in the present environment," he explained. Per World Bank, half of the 621 measures announced by 173 countries were cash-based with the rest comprising food assistance (23%) and loan moratorium/waivers (25%). Government spending on public works was pea-sized at 2%. Perhaps, the government's response so far was in line with peers, but can such measured spending yield the kind of growth recovery we aspire?

While the debate whether fiscal expenditure or credit support aids consumer demand better than the other remains unsettled, Sujan Hajra, chief economist, Anand Rathi Securities concludes that given the fiscal constraints, sectoral reliefs could be a good place to begin.

'End to inverted duties must to boost exports'

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OUTLINING a ten-point action plan that seeks to boost exports amid the slowdown caused by the global pandemic, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has suggested that inverted duty structure in trade should be eliminated to accelerate value addition in the country.

"Import duties should be carefully calibrated. The general principle of higher duties on finished goods and lower/minimal duties on intermediates and raw material should be followed. Besides, tariff structure should be strategised to minimise duties on raw material and inputs and inverted duties must be redressed on immediate basis," it said in its paper on export strategy.

Accordin to the industry body, the tariff structure under free trade agreements (FTAs) and the goods and services tax (GST) should be examined to avoid inverted duties. "Eliminate inverted duty arising out of FTAs and GST in the electronics sector, while the problem of inverted duty structure from raw material (PTA), fibre, yarn and fabric be corrected through a uniform rate of GST applied across the sector, ideally at five per cent."

Calling for stability in trade policies, CII also said that the country must aim to increase its share in global merchandise trade to five per cent and in services export to seven per cent by 2025. India's share in global merchandise exports is 1.67 per cent, with a low share in top globally traded items. In services, it currently enjoys 3.54 per cent share.

Tariff structure should be strategised to minimise duties on raw material and inverted duties must be redressed

Confederation of Indian Industry

CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said the pandemic has impacted world trade negatively. An open and facilitative import environment is required to attract global companies and ensure competitive access to intermediate goods. India's cost of d ing business is a key disadvantage for export promotion.

SEZ solar gear makers fear customs duty hit, pitch for equalisation levy

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

THE Centre's decision to implement a basic customs duty (BCD) on solar equipment imports has caused substantial consternation among a large group of domestic solar gear manufacturers. Some of these say that if the proposal is implemented in the current form, it may lead to the destruction of much of India's local manufacturing capacity in the area — the exact opposite of what the government intends to do.

According to the power ministry's proposal, the government will levy a BCD of 15-20 per cent on solar gear in an effort to discourage solar equipment imports, most of which originates from China. This has put Indian solar gear makers located in special economic zones (SEZ) in a bit of a spot, primarily due to the way the law is structured.

Why the levy?

Equalisation levy of 1-2 per cent for SEZ will ensure that the manufacturing units located in the domestic tariff area (DTA) and SEZ are placed on similar footing in terms of custom duties," say Vikram Solar's CEO.

Companies working out of these zones benefit from a large variety of incentives and reduced levies. But, SEZs had been envisaged as means of nurturing India's exports. When it comes to selling goods inside India, the law essentially treats goods shipped from these special zones as imports. Section 30 of SEZ Act mandates the imposition of the applicable BCD on all such products.

Around 63 per cent of India's solar cell manufacturing capacity and 43 per cent of module capacity is estimated to be concentrated in SEZs.

In normal times, the system levels the playing field between SEZ-based units and others in the local market. But, the large BCD hike may be well beyond what SEZ-based players can cough up without throwing in the towel, they say. According to sources, the Centre is contemplating an equalisation levy of 1-2 per cent for SEZ units, instead of the full BCD, to fix this imbalance.

"In the absence of a level playing field, domestic manufacturers in SEZs will have to shut shop and may see job losses in tune of 15,000 people," Vikram Solar's Chief Executive Officer Saibaba Vutukuri; Avinash Hiranandani, Global CEO and Managing Director, RenewSys; and S L Agarwal, Managing Director, Webel Solar, had said in a joint statement last week.

DOMESTIC PV SALES DROPS 3.8% IN JULY

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PASSENGER Vehicle (PV) sales fell by 3.86 per cent year-on-year in July to 1,82,77 units compared to 1,90,115 units in July 2019, according to latest data issued by SIAM. However, this is a big improvement month-wise, after sales were reported nil in April due to Covid-19-induced lockdown. Data also showed that domestic PV sales in the first quarter of the fiscal 2021 fell 78.46 per cent to 1.53,734 units.

Meanwhile, two-wheeler sales fell 15.24 per cent last month to 12,81,354 units as compared to 15,11,717 units in the same month last year. Motorcycle sales fell 4.87 per cent to 8,88,520 units while Scooter sales were down by 36.51 per cent at 3,34,288 units.

August will be very crucial for the auto industry as few OEMs have questioned the nature of recovery and said it is nothing but a pent-up demand. Cases of coronavirus continue to surge in India at record pace, affecting economic activity. Many experts have already stated that consumer sentiment at present is at its lowest point and that they are wary of making any big ticket purchases. "There are signs of green shoots in sales. The numbers in August would indicate if this is a sustainable demand or just a pent-up, said Rajan Wadhera, president, SIAM.

EXPRESS READ

Bosch June quarter revenue declines 64%

Chennai: Automotive component supplier Bosch Ltd has reported a 64 per cent year-on-year decline in its total revenue from operations at ₹992 crore in the first quarter of FY21 as sales in all segments during the quarter were affected by the Covid-19.

Hyundai Creta crosses 5 lakh sales mark

New Delhi: Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) said its SUV Creta has crossed five lakh cumulative sales mark in the domestic market. The model also remains the best-selling SUV for three consecutive months of May, June and July this year, the company said.

REVENUE

Centre releases ₹6,195 cr as grants to states

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THE Centre on Tuesday said it has released ₹6,195 crore to 14 states as monthly instalment of post devolution revenue deficit grant.

"The government on August 11, 2020 released ₹6,195.08 crore to 14 states as the fifth equated monthly instalment of the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. This would provide them additional resources during the corona crisis," the office of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a tweet.

As per the current norm, on the recommendation of Finance Commission, the Centre compensates for any revenue loss incurred by states, which is referred to as post devolution revenue deficit grant.The 14 states are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

Earlier this month, a controversy was triggered after after the revenue secretary was reported to have cited the government's inability to pay states in the near future to a Parliamentary panel meeting.

CAIT seeks to ban ZTE, Huawei from 5G rollout

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THE Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) on Tuesday wrote to Union Minister for Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad seeking a ban on Chinese technology companies Huawei and ZTE from the 5G network rollout in India.

The traders' body has been at the forefront of the protests against any form of participation of Chinese companies in the Indian market, ranging from retail to technology, and has been running a campaign for the same, post the border clash in Ladakh.

Huawei and ZTE Corporation of China should be banned from participating in 5G network rollout in India. It is also urged that technology and equipment of both Huawei and ZTE Corporation should be banned for use in 5G network rollout by any company," CAIT's letter said. It also noted that such a move will play a crucial and important role to leverage the "vocal for local" and the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" calls of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, citing the case of UK barring Huawei equipment.

A government panel is already learnt to be looking at whether these two companies should be allowed in the much anticipated 5G trials.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹2,053.5

Target Price ₹2,700

TEAMLEASE

Management is cautiously optimistic on the near-term outlook. The company expects modest decline or flattish revenue in 2QFY21, followed by growth in subsequent quarters. Encouraging rebound in unemployment situation and the hiring outlook corroborate our view stable realizations and aggressive cost rationalization should enable the company to report robust margin expansion in FY21E. We expect a ~31% PAT CAGR over FY20–22E

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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June factory output revives a tad but continues to dip in double-digits

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INDIA's industrial production remained in the negative zone, contracting by 16.6 per cent in June. However, the fall was not so as steep compared to the last few months, showing signs of recovery. In May, the IIP numbers had contracted by 34 per cent.

Data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) showed, manufacturing, mining and power generation continue to drag down the overall numbers. Mining sector shrank by 19.8 per cent while manufacturing and electricity shrank 17.1 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively.

AT A GLANCE

19.8% Fall in mining activities in June 2020

17.1% Electricity sector's output

In the first quarter of the fiscal, manufacturing sector took the maximum hit, falling by 40.7%

That apart, contraction in the consumer durables and capital goods segment was 35.5 per cent and 36.9 per cent, respectively during June, while consumer durable saw growth of 14 per cent. "With lifting of restrictions in the subsequent periods, industrial activity is resuming. The Index for the month of June stands at 107.8 as compared to 53.6 and 89.5 for April and May," MOSPI said in a statement, with a note that the data is not comparable with previous months.

Economists, however, said that the numbers should be taken with caution although it indicates improvement. "We continue to caution that pent-up demand contributed to the improved performance of certain categories of manufacturing in June-July, which may not sustain in August especially in light of the extension of localised lockdowns in various states," said Aditi Nayar, principal economist, ICRA. The IIP for April-June period has contracted by 35.9 per cent.

RAMP UP REACH

Czech automaker Skoda Auto plans to expand to 50 cities in 3 years

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SKODA Auto India said on Tuesday that it is planning to double its network penetration in Indian markets by expanding to 50 new cities in the next three years.

The Czech auto manufacturer said that under the purview of the 'INDIA 2.0' project, it will have at least twice as many sales and service touchpoints, as it does today by 2022.

The car maker also announced its third dealership facility in Bengaluru — PPS Motors— as a part of its campaign to gain strong foothold in southern markets.

The sales facility sprawls over an area of 4,500 square feet and accommodates at least four cars on display. A dedicated service workshop, located at 35, Kranthikavi Sarvagna Road, Sreerampuram, Okaluipuram, is spread across 18,000 square feet and houses ten mechanical stations and body shop bays.

With 75 trained personnel, PPS Motors has a capacity to service 5,500 plus ŠKODA AUTO vehicles per annum, the company said in a statement.

The auto giant has also rebranded its entire network of 83 sales and 58 service touchpoints across 69 cities across the nation. The brand has so far invested over ₹120 crore, along with its dealer partners, in the biggest rebranding campaign in its history in India.

"To ensure preparedness for INDIA 2.0 launches, we at ŠKODA AUTO India are continually striving to expand our network reach, across the nation, so that not only more and more customers can experience our products but also enjoy easy access to our customer centric aftersales solutions. Bangalore is a key market for us in South India, and we are confident that our partnership with PPS Motors will be pivotal for the brand and will further strengthen our foothold in Karnataka," Zac Hollis, Brand Director, ŠKODA AUTO India said. The company said it has delivered 3,700 units in the first half of 2020.

Match referee Chris penalises son Stuart

England fast bowler Stuart Broad has been fined 15 per cent of his match earnings by referee Chris Broad, who incidentally happens to be the cricketer's father, for using "inappropriate language" after dismissing Pakistan's Yasir Shah in the first Test. "The incident occurred in the 46th over of Pakistan's second innings on Saturday...," said the ICC.

WhatsApp Status: Camp now

Forward Sunil reveals how hockey players in quarantine at Bengaluru are using the tool to cope during worrying times

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

EVER since the hockey players went home, the men's team's WhatsApp group has been inundated with messages aimed at spreading positive vibes. The volume of such messages has only increased after six members of the group tested positive for Covid-19.

"Most of the messages in the (WhatsApp) group are like 'be positive, don't worry about other stuff'," says SV Sunil to this daily. "Focus on the guidelines given to you by SAI officials. The main concern for the players", he says, "is all of us just want to be fully fit and fine."

Sunil, one of the longest serving members of the team, has been doing his bit, sending messages aimed at spreading positivity. Currently in quarantine at the Sports Authority of India campus at Bengaluru, he is also learning about India's sporting legends across all sports.

That's one of many activities the hockey team has been prescribed by the officials to ensure they spend the two weeks in isolation doing different things. On Tuesday, for instance, Sunil had to read up about PT Usha. "So we have been split into 4-5 groups and each group will have to read up about legends before presenting a few things we picked up about the legend," he says.

India forward SV Sunil

"We have to read up about how they struggled, how they coped with difficulties in their life, what kept them going and so on. Today (Tuesday), I discussed how close Usha came to winning an Olympic medal. Sessions like these are good."

When the 31-year-old isn't presenting (his group also contains PR Sreejesh and Kothajit Singh), 'I analyse old match videos or do some juggling and dribbling inside the room'. Living in solitary confinement for two weeks can be a challenge — Sunil, like everybody else who reported back to the SAI campus, has finished one week — and it can be a challenge for some, especially when they are required to take temperature and blood oxygen readings once every four hours, a constant reminder of the so called 'new normal'. "We have been given those machines and we have to take those readings and log in our readings once every four hours."

Earlier, they were at least let on to the athletics track. This time, they can't step out of their room, save to pick up the food that's kept outside the room by one of the members of the staff. If the players decide to go rogue, cameras constantly monitor the aisle and common area for movement, so this is the dictionary definition of solitary confinement. But the Olympian isn't complaining. "I must say SAI and the staff are taking good care of us, they are working extremely hard.

"They keep the food outside the door and ring the bell. We have to pick it up after five minutes. Once we are done with it, we have to keep it in pre-given dust bin covers and place it outside." That's not all, they have to wash their own clothes, something elite athletes do not usually do.

When the conversation shifts to the six positive tests, the soft-spoken wide forward says that's 'a negative sign' but he doesn't think that will be a big problem going forward. "I think everybody has good immunity power so nothing to worry about. We just have to take care of ourselves..."

He should know because he had memorised all of the guidelines when he had gone to stay with his wife and his little daughter during the break in June and July. "It was close to 50 days, it was the first time in my career that I had spent that much time. The start was a bit scary because my daughter is too young. After some time, I adjusted to it." Once quarantine is complete, he hopes they will be allowed back on the pitch but there is no set plan yet.

As the conversation winds to a close, it's time for another temperature check. Elsewhere in the quarters where the players are kept, a distant doorbell goes off. And in their WhatsApp group, another message appears. "Don't worry," it says.

Counselling for players

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THE Sports Authority of India's has arranged for counselling session for hockey players. With six players testing positive for Covid-19 — and Mandeep Singh needing hospitalisation late on Monday after his blood oxygen levels dipped below normal — the SAI have reached out to the players to ensure they are all in the right frame of mind. Spending two weeks in isolation with some colleagues testing positive for the virus can be a challenge so SAI have taken this step. According to SAI, psychologists are taking online sessions to boost the players' morale and keep them mentally fit.

SAI said that Mandeep Singh's blood oxygen level was dropping so he was shifted to hospital. Though official statement is awaited, but SAI clarified that the camp will not be cancelled.

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QUARTER TIME

Paris Saint-Germain's forward Neymar arrives to the team hotel in Lisbon | AFP

UNDERDOGS ATALANTA

The Italian side has already made heads turn by reaching quarterfinals of the Champions League in its maiden appearance. PSG will be a tough ask.

FROM PARIS, WITH HIGH HOPES

They pocketed 16 points out of 18 available in the league stage, even defeating Real Madrid. Atalanta shouldn't be much of a threat for them.

UPSET ON THE CARDS?

Atalanta will be without Ilicic, who has been their prolific scorer this season. PSG, though, might even have the services of Kylian Mbappe.

Hopes intact, Bidhuri waiting in the wings

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

SOME of the boxers' Olympic journey has resumed with SAI camp on in NIS, Patiala. But there are others who are waiting in the wings. Take the case of Gaurav Bidhuri, a boxer who was in the spotlight in 2017 when he had surprised many to become India's fourth medallist at the coveted World Championships.

While three of his fellow 57kg pugilists train under the watchful eyes of the coaches for next year's Olympic qualifiers, Bidhuri has been fighting a solo battle at his home in Delhi, staring at an uncertain future. In fact, this has been his narrative since 2018, a year where he had missed out on Asiad and Commonwealth Games, having failed to meet the criterion set by the Boxing Federation of India. The fact that other boxers in his category has also stepped up has not helped his case.

The theme has continued as he was not considered for trials ahead of Asia/Oceania Olympic qualifiers.

With the 57kg quota still up for grabs, Bidhuri considers the postponement of Olympics qualifers as a blessing in disguise as boxers like will have more time in hand to prove their salt. "My Olympic dream was about to get over. I'm hopeful that I can get a chance this time. For now, they have called the top three boxers in the camp. It's understandable to have less boxers during the pandemic," he says.

Training at home has understandably been a big task for the 27-year-old as he tries to stay in shape ahead of crucial months ahead. "Training at home is not impossible, but it's difficult to maintain proper decorum. We make excuses to ourselves and tend to miss out on certain things that we would do during proper national camp."

Maintaining weight is one key aspect for boxers. Being away from the rigours of the national camp has meant he has gained a few kilograms. But with the coronavirus-imposed restrictions gradually easing with time, Bidhuri has resorted to running and cycling in order to keep his weight in check. "During the start of pandemic, I couldn't do much. Moreover, my mother was making good food at home and I had plenty. So naturally, I had gained a bit of weight. But in the last one or two months, it has come down. I have been jogging, cycling in recent times, so things have improved."

Away from boxing, Bidhuri has been trying his hand in vlogging and has launched his own channel on YouTube. "At the start I was giving haircuts to my cousins. I was also cooking, experimenting in the kitchen. In recent times, I've started vlogging. I made a YouTube channel, doing all the content and editing myself. It's good."

NIS Patiala puts added precautions in place

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

IN its bid to avoid recurrence of SAI Centre Bengaluru-like incident, wherein six players from men's hockey team tested positive for coronavirus after returning to the camp, NIS Patiala has started taking additional precautions. While the protocols have been in place since the beginning as the centre has been home to athletes since March, fresh initiatives focus more on athletes going on leave due to emergency.

"We have been following SAI's SOP and guidelines from ministry and local administration since the start but we need to keep revising things frequently given the dynamic situation we are facing. We need to be more careful for athletes leaving the centre as they are most vulnerable," sources in the know of things told this daily.

The athletes, who leave the centre, are not only briefed about dos and don'ts but also given personal protection kit including sanitiser, face mask and hand gloves so that they don't have buy them on the way. If they are young, their family members are spoken to and apprised of the precautionary measures they have to follow while being with the athletes. Only two persons are allowed to travel in the vehicle.

It is learnt that the same procedure was followed when weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga left for his hometown Aizawl. "You cannot monitor athletes' movement once they are out so it's good to speak to their relatives and brief them about protocols," added the sources.

Most of the athletes are camping at the centre since lockdown and are longing for a break as they have been away from their families for months. "Our sports psychologist holds sessions with athletes in batches every fortnight to keep them motivated. This way we help them stay positive."

Once athletes are back from their homes, they are subjected to a 14-day quarantine period. "Usually, athletes go into self-isolation soon after reaching the centre. We inform their arrival to local authorities and conduct Covid-19 tests." Two weightlifters, Odisha's Jhilli Dalabehera and P Anuradha of Tamil Nadu, who reached the centre on August 5, returned negative on Tuesday but will serve full quarantine period before rejoining the camp.

IPL

CSK to take 7 TN players for training

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

WITH the Tamil Nadu government giving permission to open the MA Chidambaram Stadium for training purposes, the Chennai Super Kings will send charter flights to Delhi, Mumbai and Ranchi on August 14 to bring its players to the city.

The camp will also witness seven Tamil Nadu players taking part in the training, who then will be fly out with the Super Kings on August 20 to UAE and will remain with the team until the IPL begins on September 19.

Chennai have asked players who reside around the National Capital Region and neighbouring states to assemble in Delhi on August 14, from where they will take a charter flight.

Suresh Raina, Harbhajan Singh, Piyush Chawla, Monu Kumar, Karn Sharma will fly out from Delhi. The others including, Ravindra Jadeja, Kedar Jadhav, Shardul Thakur, Ruturaj Gaikwad will reach Chennai via Mumbai. Dhoni will either land on August 14 evening or August 15 morning.

Meanwhile, the Chennai Super Kings will take seven Tamil Nadu players to Dubai – where they will be stationed right through the IPL – as net bowlers. It includes Tamil Nadu Ranji Trophy new ball bowlers Aswin Crist, M Mohammed and Abhishek Tanwar, all-rounder J Koushik, L Vignesh and spinners Aushik Srinivas and M Abhinav.

During their stay in Dubai, these players will remain in the bio-secure bubble just like the regular players and will return to India once the IPL begins.

EXPRESS READ

Min sets Aug 13 deadline for NSFs

NEW DELHI: The National Sports Federations (NSFs) got a two-day extension from the sports ministry till August 13 to submit a set of Sports Code questionnaire pertaining to age and tenure after a request from the Indian Olympic Association. The responses to the Sports Code questionnaire is crucial for all NSFs as a case is pending in the Delhi High Court.

Lanka league postponed

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has postponed the inaugural edition of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) due to unavailability of top foreign players who would have had to undergo 14-day quarantine owing to rising cases of Covid-19. The T20 League was scheduled to start on August 28, subject to approval from the government and Ministry of health.

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No. KASE/969/2020/Exe4 Dated: 12.08.2020

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Pre-Bid Meeting Date and Time	18.08.2020; 11:00 AM
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Bid Opening Date and Time	26.08.2020; 04:00 PM

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Estimated cost : Rs 18,41,000/- (Including GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website : 13-08-2020
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T.N. No. 13/ 2020 - 21 / HDO, Dated 10.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received up to **31.08.2020, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for **CRIDP 2020-21 Works, (Package No.32, 35, 36, 44)** pertaining **Pollachi (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **14.08.2020.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

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Government of Kerala
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The General Manager, KITCO Ltd., for and on behalf of Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala, invite online bids for the following work:

Sl No.	Name of Work	PAC (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs)	Tender Fee (Including GST) (Rs.)
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For further details please visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
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Place: Ernakulam Sd/-
Date: 12.08.2020 General Manager

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Nearly 50 dolphins were stranded on a beach on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, over the weekend and needed to be rescued by volunteers. The International Fund for Animal Welfare said 45 dolphins were found stranded by harbor officials in Wellfleet on Sunday morning.

First case reported in NZ after 102 days

FRESH CONCERN

WELLINGTON: New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on Tuesday said authorities have found four cases of the coronavirus in one Auckland household from an unknown source, the first reported cases of local transmission in the country in 102 days.

Ardern said Auckland, the nation's largest city, will be moved to Alert Level 3 from Wednesday through midnight Friday, meaning that people will be asked to stay at home, while bars and many other businesses will be closed.

"These three days will give us time to assess the situation, gather information, make sure we have widespread contact tracing so we can find out more about how this case arose and make decisions about how to respond to it once we have further information," Ardern said at a hastily called news conference late Tuesday.

"I know that this information will be very difficult to receive," Ardern said. "We had all hoped not to find ourselves in this position again. But we had also prepared for it. And as a team, we have also been here before."

She said that traveling into Auckland will be banned unless people live there and are traveling home. She said the rest of the country will be raised to Level 2 through Friday, meaning that mass gatherings will be limited to 100 attendees and people would need to socially distance

EXFILE

MYSTERIOUS OCEAN WORLD

The dwarf planet Ceres – long believed to be a barren space rock – is an ocean world with reservoirs of sea water beneath its surface, the results of a major exploration mission showed on Monday. A look at the study...

WHAT IS IT

Ceres is the largest object in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter and has its own gravity, enabling the NASA Dawn spacecraft to capture high-resolution images of its surface.

THE STUDY

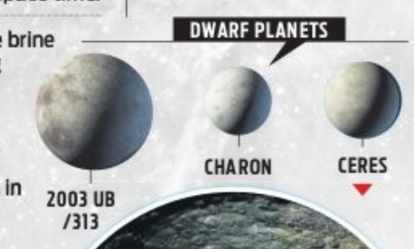
A team of scientists from the United States and Europe have analysed images relayed from the orbiter, captured about 35km from the asteroid. They focused on the 20-million-year-old Occator crater and determined that there is an "extensive reservoir" of brine beneath its surface.

DISCOVERY

Using infrared imaging, one team discovered the presence of the compound hydrohalite – a material common in sea ice but which until now had never been observed off of Earth.

The team said the salt deposits looked like they had built up within the last 2 million years – the blink of an eye in space time.

This suggests that the brine may still be ascending from the planet's interior, something De Sanctis said could have profound implications in future studies.



LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE DWARF PLANET

CERES IS THE BIGGEST OBJECT IN THE ASTEROID BELT.

It lies less than three times as far as Earth from the sun — which is still close enough to feel the warmth, allowing ice to melt and reform.

Ceres was the first dwarf planet to be visited up-close. It belongs to a distinct class of objects — after the rocky inner planets like Earth and Mars and gas giants like Jupiter.

It's fascinated astronomers for decades as it's seen as being a record of the early solar system and how it developed.

Ceres has been classified as a C-type asteroid and, due to the presence of clay minerals, as a G-type asteroid.

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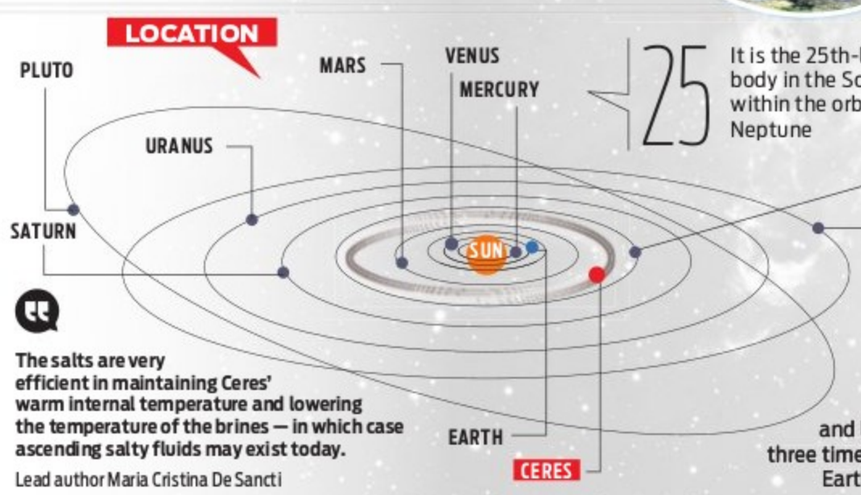


25 It is the 25th-largest body in the Solar System within the orbit of Neptune

"The salts are very efficient in maintaining Ceres' warm internal temperature and lowering the temperature of the brines — in which case ascending salty fluids may exist today."

Lead author Maria Cristina De Sanctis

600 Ceres is roughly 600 miles wide, and lies less than three times as far from Earth as the Sun.

GARGLING MIGHT LOWER SPREAD OF COVID-19

Oral rinsing with mouthwash could reduce quantities of viral particles in mouth and throat and possibly reduce the risk of transmission

PRECAUTION

BERLIN: The coronavirus can be inactivated using commercially available mouthwashes, according to a study which says gargling with these products may reduce the quantities of viral particles in the mouth and throat, and possibly reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission over the short term.

However, the study published in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, cautions that mouthwashes are not suitable for treating Covid-19 infections or protecting oneself against catching the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2.

According to the researchers, including those from Ruhr University Bochum in Germany, high quantities of the virus particles, or viral load, can be detected in the oral cavity and throat of some Covid-19 patients. They added that the main route of transmission of the virus likely involves direct contact with respiratory droplets of infected individuals, produced during sneezing, coughing, or talking, and the subsequent contact to nasal, oral or ocular mucosal membranes of healthy individuals.

The researchers believe the study's findings might help reduce the risk of this form of transmission, and potentially help develop protocols for dental treatments.

They said the findings "support the idea that oral rinsing might reduce the viral load of saliva and could thus lower the transmission of SARS-CoV-2." "Our findings clearly advocate the evaluation of selected formulations in clinical context to systematically evaluate the decontamination and tissue health of the oral cavity in patients and healthcare workers to potentially prevent virus transmission," the scientists wrote in the study.

In the research, they tested

Gargling with a mouthwash cannot inhibit the production of viruses in the cells, but could reduce the viral load in the short term.

Study co-author Toni Meister

eight mouthwashes with different ingredients that are available in pharmacies in Germany. The scientists mixed each mouthwash with virus particles and a substance which was intended to recreate the effect of saliva in the mouth.

They then shook the mixture for 30 seconds to simulate the effect of gargling, and tested it in Vero E6 cells, which, according to the researchers, are "particularly receptive" to SARS-CoV-2, to determine the quantities of the virus particles. In order to assess the efficacy of the mouthwashes, the scientists also treated the virus suspensions with cell culture medium instead of the mouthwash before adding them to the lab-grown cells.

While all of the tested preparations reduced the initial virus count, the study noted that three mouthwashes reduced it to such an extent that no virus could be detected after an exposure time of 30 seconds. However, the scientists cautioned that the effect and its duration remain to be confirmed in clinical practice.

Mouthwashes are not suitable for treating Covid-19. "Gargling with a mouthwash cannot inhibit the production of viruses in the cells, but could reduce the viral load in the short term where the greatest potential for infection comes from, namely in the oral cavity and throat. and this could be useful in certain situations, such as at the dentist or during the medical care of Covid-19 patients," explained study co-author Toni Meister.

The scientists are examining the possibilities of a clinical study on the efficacy of mouthwashes on SARS-CoV-2 during which they want to test whether the effect can also be detected in patients.

EXPRESS QUIZ

World Elephant Day

1 **World Elephant Day is an annual event to raise awareness, help conserve and protect elephants from the numerous threats they face, held annually on 12 August. The first World Elephant Day was held on 12 August 2012. Which are the subspecies of Asian elephant?**

a) The Indonesian, The Burmese
b) Vietnamese, Sri Lankan and Thai
c) The Indian, Sumatran and Sri Lankan
d) There are no subspecies of the Asian elephant

2 **Four African elephants are killed every hour (35,000 every year) for their ivory. Asian and African elephants are similar in physiology, but many things set them apart. Which of the below is incorrect?**

a) African elephants have notably large ears, shaped much like the map of Africa which allow them to radiate excess heat
b) Both sexes of African elephants (not always) grow tusks
c) Asian elephant cow (female elephants) grow tusks
d) Features like the number of toenails, wrinkled skin, the shape of their teeth distinguish the two elephant species

3 **With less than 40,000 remaining worldwide, The Asian elephant has been listed as Endangered on the IUCN red list. African and Asian elephants are biologically different to interbreed. When did the only incident of cross-breeding between the two species take place?**

a) England in 1978 b) Australia in 1988
c) China in 1997 d) Germany in 2003

4 **Which are the different subspecies of elephants found in the African continent?**

a) Kenyan and Tanzanian elephants
b) West African and East African elephants
c) Savannah and forest elephants
d) Southern Mammoth and Steppe Mammoth

5 **China, Hong Kong and the US committed to banning the import and export of ivory. In May 2016, which country set an example for zero-tolerance for the illegal ivory trade by torching 105 tons, the most massive quantity of ivory burn in history.**

a) Australia b) Japan c) Canada d) Kenya

KEY: 1C 2C 3A 4C 5D

Quizmaster **Sunil Dhavala** is a media entrepreneur. This alumnus of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has held senior roles at Bertelsmann, National Geographic, Fox Broadcasting, Star TV and WPP.

AFTER NATURE'S FURY

A villager cleans volcanic ash from his roof at Naman Teran village in Karo, North Sumatra, on Tuesday. On Monday, Indonesia's Mount Sinabung erupted, belching a massive column of smoke 5,000m into the air | AFP

Coronavirus does not directly cause loss of taste: Study

NEW FINDING

WASHINGTON: Covid-19 does not directly damage taste bud cells, according to a study which found that taste loss is likely caused indirectly by events induced during inflammation due to the disease.

The findings, published in the *ACS Pharmacology & Translational Science*, are contrary to previous studies that have shown damage may be caused directly by the virus particle. An increasing number of Covid-19 patients have reported losses of smell or taste, prompting the researchers to add it to the growing list of symptoms for Covid-19.

Recent research shows 20-25 per cent of patients now report a loss of taste, according to the team.

"More alarming is the rate of patients reporting loss of taste at a later date, sometime after exposure to the virus," said Hongxiang Liu, an associate professor at the University of Georgia in the US. "This is something we need to keep a careful eye on," Liu said.

The study also indicates that taste bud cells are not vulnerable to SARS-CoV-2 infection, because most of them do not express ACE2, a gateway that the virus uses to enter the body.

"This study isn't the first to study ACE2 expression in the oral cavity. But it is the first to show, specifically in relation to coronavirus and taste bud cell survival, that there are likely other cell death mechanisms at play."

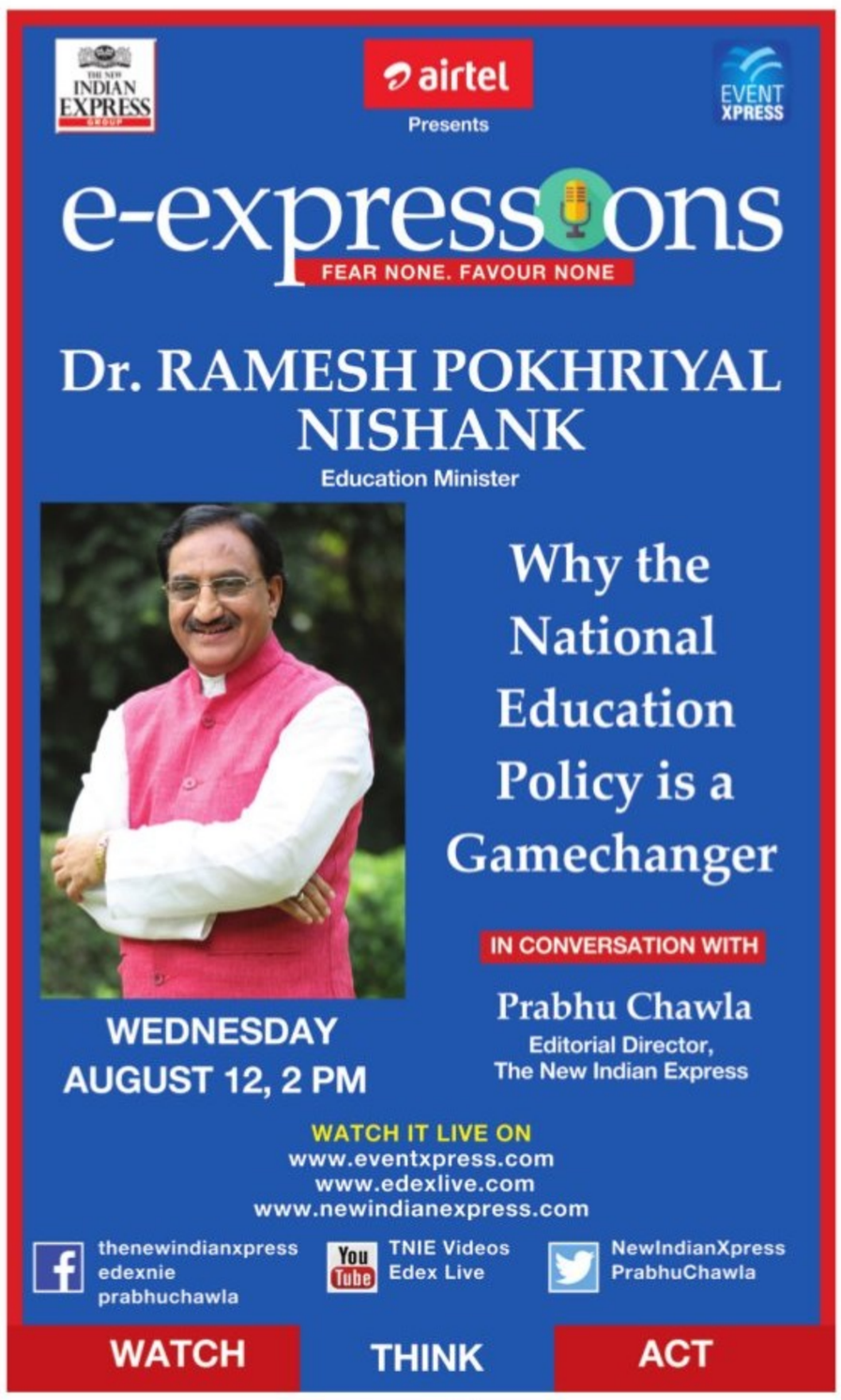
Liu and her colleagues wanted to find out whether ACE2 was expressed specifically in taste bud cells, as well as when this receptor first emerges on oral tissue cells during foetal development, by studying mice as a model organism. Although the mouse version of ACE2 isn't susceptible to SARS-CoV-2, studying where it's expressed in mice could still help clarify what's happening when people become infected and lose the sense of taste, given that mouse and human share similar expression patterns of genes.

Blood test may predict risk of infection

IDENTIFYING SEVERITY

LONDON: A simple blood test may predict the risk of severe Covid infection, say scientists who have identified a particular molecular signature in the blood that increases the chances of hospitalisation by 5 to 10 times in people infected by Covid.

Identification of healthy people at high risk for severe Covid is a global health priority. The researchers investigated if blood biomarkers measured by high metabolomics could be predictive of severe pneumonia and Covid hospitalisation years. The researchers identified a molecular signature in the blood and those with this molecular signature are five to 10 times more likely to be hospitalised.



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DAY'S DIARY

Patented and proud

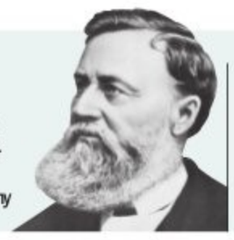
Isaac Merritt Singer, of Singer Manufacturing Company, patents an affordable sewing machine for use at home, on this day in 1851

NECESSITY FUELS INNOVATION

Singer's breakthrough model happened 11 days after he was made to repair a Lerow and Blodgett sewing machine, which had been the standard then

SUCCESS IN BIG SCALE

By 1860, his I. M. Singer & Company became the biggest sewing machine manufacturer worldwide. It then became Singer Manufacturing Company



MORE TO COME

By 1963, the company had secured 22 more patents and Singer was a year into retirement. He died a millionaire in 1875

Kushi, Vivek Simha to come together for upcoming thriller

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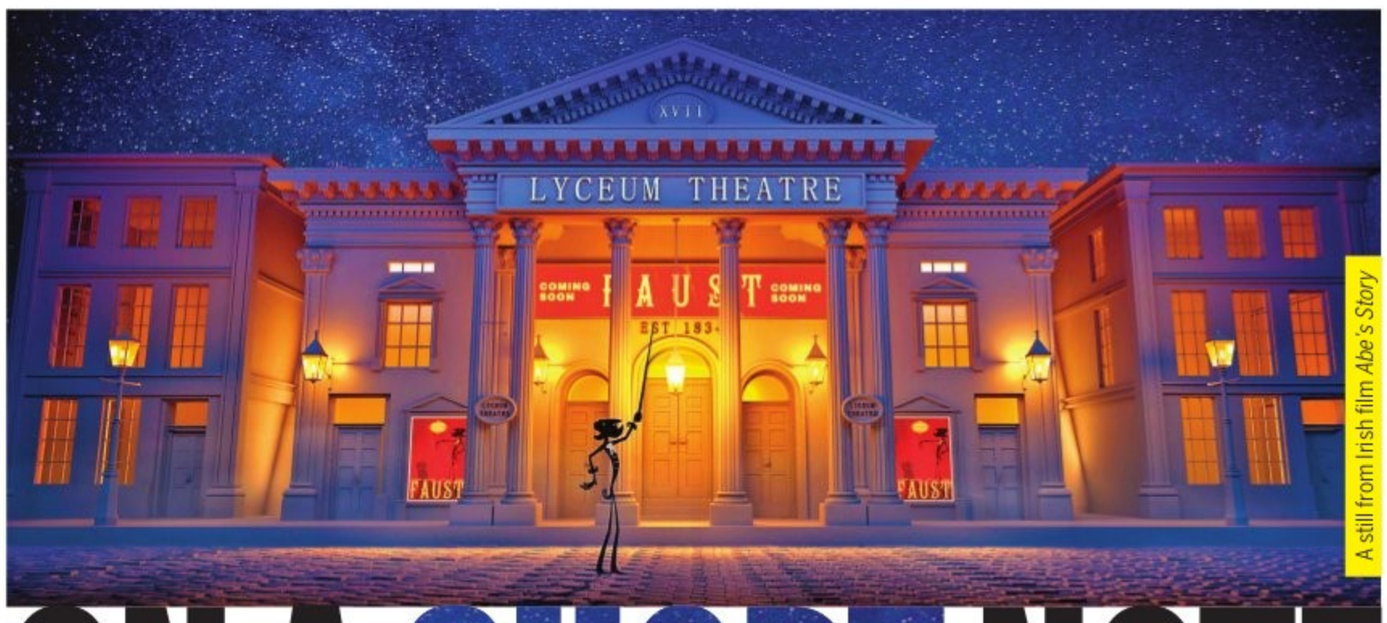
A still from Malaysian film *Kring!*



A still from Irish film *Abe's Story*

ON A SHORT NOTE

The online edition of Bengaluru International Short Film Festival will have 150 films from 85 countries, talks with actors like Manoj Bajpayee and Vinay Pathak, and more

• **Monika Monalisa**

Movie buffs are in for a treat this festive week. For the first time, the 10th edition of the Bengaluru International Short Film Festival (BISFF) will take place online. Last year around 300 movies were featured but this time the festival has only 150 movies, from 85 countries, which are scheduled between August 13 and 16.

The four-day festival will raise its curtains with a conversation between Swedish director and sceenplay writer Ruben Östlund, known for classics like *Force Majeure* and *The Square*, and actor Prakash Belawadi, who is the director and mentor of the festival. There will also be sessions held by experienced members of film industry like Manoj Bajpayee and Vinay Pathak, which have been scheduled across the festival. Topics also focus on how to market and budget a short film.

A still from Canadian film *Virago*

Watch out for

Black Forest - France
The School Bus - Turkey
Piklu - India
Abe's Story - Ireland
180° - Morocco
Omé - Lebanon
Henet Ward - Egypt

The festival, which also got approval as an Oscar Academy Qualifying Festival for the Short Film Awards this year, will also be holding a competition for short films. They have already got more than 3,000 entries from 85 countries. "We have got entries from Mexico, Hawaii, Spain, France and Egypt. But we are selecting only 16 films," says **Anand Varadaraj**, artistic director of BISFF. Also included is a category called 'Let's Include', which will have movies dealing with societal stigmas. "The movies listed here focus on topics like disability, gender inequality etc. It doesn't have to necessarily be a part of the screenplay. Even if the director is facing any of these issues, their movie can be a part of this category," says Varadaraj, adding that they received 400 entries for this category.

Another special category, called 'Let's Pitch' is for short filmmakers, who can send in pitches for movies within three minutes. "This is done in collaboration with Katte Movies and More, an online channel, which is going to produce one of the ideas," says Varadaraj, adding that this category is only valid for participants from Karnataka. A special tribute will also be paid to women of the movie industry, with National Film Award-winning film editor Beena Paul in conversation with members of Women in Cinema Collective, an organisation for women working in Malayalam cinema, scheduled for the August 16.

The move to a digital edition also led to various constraints. "This time we are dependent on donors. Part of the money collected will be the prize money and the rest will go to city-based NGO Vidyanikethan," says Varadaraj.

The event is free and will be streamed on BISFF's website.

Stories from the land of bread and beer

Having been associated with the BISFF since inception, the Goethe Institute, the cultural association, will be screening 11 films. "The Short Export programme has six films that deal with home, self-optimisation, strong women and weak men," says Maureen Gonsalves, cultural coordinator, Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan. Films that will be screened include *Ascona* by Julius Dommer, *UZI (Ties)* by Dina Velikovskaya, *We still speak German Today* by Clara Winter and Miguel Ferráez, and *The last five minutes of the world* by Jürgen Heimüller. "The online format is new to us. With it being more accessible, we look forward to reaching out to a lot more people," says Gonsalves. The movies will be screened on August 14 and 15.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Questions

1. Mahatma Gandhi visited Bengaluru five times during the freedom struggle, in 1915, 1920, 1927, 1934 and 1936. During his last visit he fell ill and was advised to take rest at one of the popular hills near the city. He stayed there for 45 days till he recovered from illness. Name the hills.

2. The Town Hall was inaugurated by the then Yuvaraja of Mysore, Kanterava Narasimharaja Wadiyar in 1935. This stately building is named after a noted philanthropist and former president of city municipality. Name the person.

3. The great plague took away over a lakh lives in Mysore state. Over 12,000 deaths were recorded in Bengaluru city alone. Which year did this deadly epidemic break out in the city?

COVID CARE
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
Go to a hospital, only if urgent. Otherwise, many hospitals are offering tele-consultations and video calls to help out.
Ask for help if you need to purchase groceries and provisions. Try to avoid stepping out at this point, especially with cases spiking.
Stay active by walking indoors. Eat on time and take prescribed vitamins.
Stock blood pressure, diabetes or any other medicines adequately. Many chemists deliver them without any extra charge
Take your prescribed medication regularly
If you have seniors at home, try to keep their mind off the virus by keeping them occupied. Involve them in some activities like taking their help to make a family favourite recipe or arrange old photographs together.
If possible, opt for tele or video consultations for your routine checkups
If you are the primary caregiver, think of another person that both you and your senior loved one trust. In case you fall sick, this person can step in and take over your caregiving duties.

GRAPHIC: AMOL VYAVHARE

'Virtual art spaces is an interesting development'

• **Express Features**

Contemporary artist Jitish Kallat's most prolific pieces can act as relevant commentary for some of our most acute global crises. For the recent edition of the Indulge Time Pass, the artist and curator, who has showcased his work around the world including London's Tate modern and Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art, told host Kaveree Bamzai that he is exploring the possibilities of virtual art rooms as an interesting new medium, especially in the current scenario.

Bamzai brought up his 2010 piece, Baggage Claim, which is almost prophetic, especially as it successfully captures how the migrant crisis has unravelled in the country. "Baggage Claim was painted close to a decade ago, and one also feels that it's often the artwork that tells you the meaning behind itself as the circumstances change around them. I think it's been a real call for us to understand that this sort of skin-encapsulated organism that we saw ourselves to be, it's not the real self. Quarantine Day, again, from 2002 seems to play back certain things. When I look at this painting, there's this heightened force or energy that emerges, and it's the artwork that's the commentator or the provocateur. It's the one that asks questions of you, in a way," Kallat remarked.

Jitish Kallat

Talking about Delhi's Nature Morte gallery launching Viewing Room with his Circadian Study drawings on Tuesday, the artist mentioned the emergence of newer virtual facets in the art world. The series began during his fortnight-long self-isolation at his studio, after returning from a foreign trip in March this year. "It's an interesting development that galleries have thought of virtual spaces as something that can be re-energised. I realised that that is a medium in itself, it's not just a webpage, it allows you to reflect another dimension of your work, it's externalised. This viewing room at Nature Morte had some of that tenor in it, if you log in, you can probably experience it," Kallat said.

LEND A EAR

Story: Kaveri Amme (Kodava Takk)
Storyteller: Mallika Appaya
What it is about: A river revered as a Goddess.

Story: Khangkhrai Jamini (Bodo)
Storyteller: Uttara Bwiswmuthiary
What it is about: A mud crab's struggle and upheaval in the eco system when irrigation canals are concretised

Story: Baba Bulleh Shah (Punjabi)
Storyteller: Vikramjit Singh Rooprai
What it is about: 18th century Punjabi poet who revolted against caste system

Story: Memon jo safar (Memoni)
Storyteller: Geethanjali Javed
What it is about: Snippet of Memoni history

Tell-tale signs of unity

• **Simran Ahuja**

When the Bangalore Storytelling Society started a new digital series in March, little did they know that going virtual would soon become the way of life. In an attempt to promote regional storytelling, they started Stories Sans Borders, where storytellers from different parts of India share tales in their local languages and dialects, exposing audience members to words they have perhaps never heard before. The upcoming edition is slated for Aug. 16 and will have storytellers from the four corners of India, sharing tales in Memoni, Bodo, Punjabi and Kodava Takk.

"Since its inception, these events have been taking place on the third Sunday of every month. So when this month's edition was slotted for a day after Independence Day, we made a conscious decision to include tellers from the length and breadth of India," says Vikram Sridhar, a professional storyteller himself. He, along with other professional storytellers Aparna Athreya, Aparna Jaishankar, Lavanya Prasad, Shylaja Sampath and Sowmya Srinivasan form the core team of the group. "We hope the event gives a platform to all languages in India, where they can be spoken and shared with people who don't belong to their state alone," says Athreya.

The idea came from the realisation that even when the source of a story lies in a regional language, it was being delivered only in English, leading to a loss in translation. The members then conducted their first such event in March, on World Storytelling Day. Since then, the monthly initiative has covered more than 20 languages and dialects, including Awadhi, Bangla, Dharwad Kannada, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Khasi, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Marathi, Marwari, Nepali, Odia, Parsi Gujarati, Punjabi, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Tulu and Urdu.

(Left to right) Sowmya Srinivasan, Aparna Athreya, Shylaja Sampath, Aparna Jaishankar, Vikram Sridhar and Lavanya Prasad

The August event will have story-telling in Punjabi by educator and heritage activist Vikramjit Singh Rooprai and in Bodo by educator and writer Uttara Bwiswmuthiary. The lineup also includes a story in Kodava Takk by montessori teacher Mallika Appaya and a Memoni tale by storyteller Geethanjali Javed. Members of the storytelling society rely on their network to find regional language storytellers and often start planning events months in advance. For the August edition, they began in May, with work currently going on for their October event. "Since this was meant to be a space for languages and stories, we knew we had to go digital from the beginning. It was the only way we could reach out to storytellers from across the country," explains Jaishankar.

Storytellers are given a few guidelines: They have to bring out tales in their languages and maintain all the nuances without anglicising any element. The storyteller first gives the listeners a gist of the story in English. "They then share the tale in their language. And even if an audience member doesn't know the language, they will be able to understand the nuances or follow the story through the pace, tension or other devices the storyteller uses," she adds. At the end, a small interaction session with the storyteller explores the source of the story, why it was chosen, and other points about the language or how the dialect emerged. "The diversity in languages, accents and words helps us feel a little more connected -- to our country and who we are as Indians," says Athreya.

The event will take place on Aug. 16, 11am. Registration is mandatory. Write to bangalorestorytellingsociety@gmail.com for details.

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

MORINGA LEAF CURRY

INGREDIENTS

- **Moringa leaves -** 1 cup
- **Coconut, grated -** half cup
- **Cumin seed -** 1 tbsp
- **Green chilli -**2, medium size
- **Garlic cloves-** 3 to 4 nos.
- **Salt** to taste

TEMPERING

- **Urad dal:** 1 tbsp
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Red chillies:** 2 nos
- **Oil:** 2 to 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Grind the grated coconut and garlic cloves, along with water, to make a smooth paste
- Saute the urad dal, mustard seeds, red chillies.
- Add moringa leaves and saute for five minutes over medium flame.
- Add the coconut paste to the leaves.
- Add water as per desired consistency.
- Add salt to taste.

– Suja Vijayakumar, Bengaluru

SHIKRA (ACCIPITER BADIUS)

FOUND ACROSS ASIA AND AFRICA

This small bird of prey has the flap and glide flight that is typical to its kind. It's distinguished by a sharp two-note call. The word 'shikra' in Hindi is borrowed from the Urdu word 'shikari', meaning hunter. True to the name, the shikra is a favourite among falconers in India and Pakistan.

BRIGHT SPOT

A REWARD FOR REUSE

For many years, the farmers of Jhabua district in Madhya Pradesh looked to the skies for showers. As they witnessed their crops die, lands go dry and families starve to near-death, many migrated to cities for daily wage jobs. Ramesh Bariya was one such farmer. All his attempts at farming were being undone by the unpredictable weather and water shortage. But he returned home after a few months due to lack of opportunities. He soon found a solution to all his woes – a unique DIY drip irrigation technique that not only solves the problem of water shortage but also recycles waste – at the National Agricultural Innovation Sub Project's Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK). He soon adopted the DIY technique of reusing plastic glucose bottles. Ramesh's efforts were recognised by the District Administration and Minister of Agriculture of the Madhya Pradesh government with an achievement award of ₹10,000. KVK also helped him install a full-fledged drip irrigation system for free.

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KENDASAMPIGE

Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.

- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

YAARE KOOGADALI

Kumara and Natesha escape from a mental hospital and come to the city. They are soon chased by a gangster while their actual truth is revealed.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Bhavana

MYTHRI

Siddarama is one step away from winning a sum of `one crore in a game show hosted by his favourite actor Puneeth Rajkumar. However, scientist Mahadev Godke attempts to ruin his plans.

- Cast: Mohanlal, Puneeth Rajkumar

PATTANATHIL BHOOTHAM

Two friends, accidentally release Jee-Boom-Baa, a genie from an old urn. Jee-Boom-Baa promises to help his new masters as they set him free.

- Cast: Javar S, Jaishankar

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW CAN YOU CHANGE SOMEONE'S MIND? (HINT: FACTS AREN'T ALWAYS ENOUGH)
BY HUGO MERCIER

Why do arguments change people's minds in some cases and backfire in others? Hugo Mercier explains how arguments are more convincing when they rest on a good knowledge of the audience.

2 IS SPACE TRYING TO KILL US?
BY RON SHANEYFELT

How likely is it that a massive asteroid will do major damage to Earth and its inhabitants? What about the sun – is it dying out anytime soon? And the supermassive black hole at the center of the Milky Way? Ron Shaneyfelt assesses the dangers of space.

3 INSIDE A CARTOONIST'S WORLD
BY LIZA DONNELLY

From cave drawings to the Sunday paper, artists have been visualising ideas – cartoons – for centuries. New Yorker cartoonist Liza Donnelly walks us through the many stages every cartoon goes through, starting with an idea and turning into something that connects us on a deeply human level.

4 SCENES FROM A BLACK TRANS LIFE
BY D-L STEWART

At the crossroads of life and livelihood, scholar D-L Stewart invites us into scenes from his own life as he resists and reflects on the dehumanising narratives that shape the Black trans experience in the US. Stewart emphasises the magnitude and urgency of the rallying cry "Black trans lives matter" – and calls on others to uphold that truth, too.

5 HOW DOLLY PARTON LED ME TO AN EPIPHANY BY JAD ABUMRAD

How do you end a story? Host of "Radiolab" Jad Abumrad tells how his search for an answer led him home to the mountains of Tennessee, where he met an unexpected teacher: Dolly Parton.

FIT BIT

KARNAPIDASANA

(EAR PRESSURE OR KNEE-TO-EAR POSE)

In Sanskrit, karna means 'ear,' pida means 'pressure' and asana means 'pose' or 'posture.' This asana is also called Raja Halasana (king plow pose) because it is a more advanced version of Halasana. Traditionally, it activates three chakras – Visuddha purifies not only the body but the psyche and mind, Manipura controls vitality and the balance of energy, and Svadisthana fosters inner acceptance and promotes focus and productivity.

STEPS

- First, lie down on the floor on your back in resting position, placing your arms at the sides.
- Legs should be straight in front of you.
- Inhale; keep your palms down on the floor.
- Raise your legs and try to exhale.
- Keep your legs straight up.
- Place your legs over your head.
- Lift your butt and bend your legs over the head. (Bend or press your knee into the floor with your upper arms, near your ear).
- Your arms should be parallel to the body.
- For supporting your hips, lift your hands and keep them under your lower back.
- Now try to grab your bent knees together and then put down your knees and take a deep breath.
- Now lift your butt and keep your knees down. Place yourself in an ear-pressure posture.
- Open your bent knees and keep them on the ground.
- Keep your legs on the ground and stretch your arms in parallel pose.
- Place your palms open over the floor facing the ceiling.
- Hold this position for around 6 to 8 breaths.

BENEFITS

- Stretches and strengthens your backbone.
- Strengthens the lungs and is beneficial for asthma patients.
- Stimulates the abdominal organs and thyroid gland.
- Stretches the shoulders and spine.
- Controls hypertension.
- Reduces the symptoms of menopause.
- Helps to alleviate fatigue, stress, insomnia, and negative symptoms of menopause.
- Helps in backache and sinusitis

LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from diarrhea, asthma, heart conditions, high BP and herniated disks avoid.
- Beginner-level pregnant women can practise under expert guidance.
- If you have injured your knees, back, shoulder and hips, avoid this.

By N. Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KATHEYONDU SHURUVAGIDE (Kannada)

A young resort owner, Tarun, is going through a rough time and tries to deal with disappointments, failures, and struggles of his life. In the process of doing so, he strikes up a great bond with a resort guest, Tanya. Will this bond help them to find a new meaning of love and life?

- Cast: Diganth Manchale, Pooja Devariya, Ashwin Rao Pallakki
- Watch On : Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

BIRBAL TRILOGY (Kannada)

A wrongly accused murderer who is helped by Advocate Mahesh Das despite of various threats faced by them during the investigation.

- Cast: MG Srinivas, Suresh Heblikar, Rukmini Vasanth
- Watch On : Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

IMMANUEL (Malayalam)

Immanuel's life takes an odd turn when the publishing firm that he works for shuts down. He gets a job in an insurance company but faces severe hardships, which end up changing him as a person.

- Cast: Reenu Mathews, Fahadh Faasil, Mammootty, Salim Kumar
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
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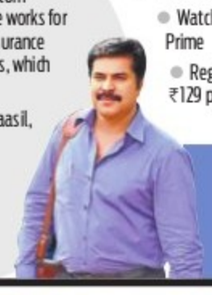

VAALI (Tamil)

Deva, a man with a hearing and speech impairment, secretly loves his twin brother's wife, Priya. He tries his best to separate the two, to the extent of following them on their honeymoon.

- Cast: Ajith Kumar, Simran, Vivek
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

HOTEL CALIFORNIA (Malayalam)

Jimmy, a petty thief, is tasked with smuggling the print of an unreleased film out of the city. His journey, however, is peppered with several confusing situations.

- Cast: Jayasurya, Anoop Menon, Maria Roy, Honey Rose
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BEGUM JAAN (Hindi)

Begum Jaan runs a brothel in villages along the Radcliffe Line. However, she desperately strives to save her declining business amidst the changing political scenario during the partition of India.

- Cast: Vidya Balan, Pallavi Sharda, Gauhar Khan, Naseeruddin Shah
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

ANUKUNNADI OKKATI AYYANDHI OKATI (Telugu)

AOAO revolves around four girls who get trapped in the murder of a stripper when in Goa for a vacation. Though they manage to hide the body, police starts suspecting them.

- Cast: Siddhi Idnani, Dhanya Balakrishna, Tridha Choudhury, Komalee Prasad
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

THE SECRET IN THEIR EYES

(Spanish: El secreto de sus ojos)

Decades later, a former legal counsellor revisits a homicide case in order to write a novel on it. He simultaneously deals with his feelings for his former colleague while working on the case.

- Cast: Ricardo Darín, Soledad Villamil, Pablo Rago
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

MURDER BY NUMBERS (English)

The body of a young woman is found in a ditch in the woods of the small California coastal town of San Benito. A tenacious homicide detective and her new partner uncover a trail of shrewdly concealed evidence that links two brilliant young men to a murder.

- Cast: Michael Pitt, Ryan Gosling, Sandra Bullock, Ben Chaplin
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

MARVEL'S AGENT CARTER (English)

Life changes for Peggy Carter after her boyfriend Steve Rogers is feared dead. Now she leads a dual life by doing administrative work as well as working as a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent under Howard Stark.

- Cast: Hayley Atwell, Enver Gjokaj, James D'Arcy, Chad Michael Murray
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

THE UMBRELLA ACADEMY: SEASON 2

(Series, English)

A family of former child heroes, now grown apart, must reunite to continue to protect the world.

- Cast: Aidan Gallagher, Ellen Page, Robert Sheehan, Tom Hopper
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

CONQUERING CROWDS

Making people laugh out loud may seem to come naturally to Shankar Chugani, but there was a time the standup comedian feared facing crowds; he talks to *City Express* about revealing his insecure side in his latest video, *Bheed*

• Vidya Iyengar

As the manager of front of house at Jagriti, Shankar Chugani, who shot to fame with *Comicstaan*, once came face to face with cops when a late-comer insisted upon being allowed to enter the theatre. During a visit to Jamaica to attend his cousin's wedding, he almost missed his connecting flight from London as he got caught up helping a woman. All of these and more form an integral part of Chugani's performance material.

A popular standup comedian who watched the likes of Sundeep Rao and Kanan Gill perform and said to himself, "I want to be there," Chugani had only imagined a life in the performance space as he grew up. However, he wasn't so sure whether he would be able to pull it off. Not because of anything, but his fear of crowds. In *Bheed*, a video he recently released on YouTube and Instagram, he narrates his anxiety upon facing large gatherings and the insecurity that followed. "It's a poem I had written after finishing college when I was intimidated by large crowds. I would be nervous, and this explains how timid and insecure I used to be in a group. Although I had wanted to be an actor growing up, I hadn't imagined doing stand-up full time," says the 31-year-old who is currently in his hometown, Coonoor. Theatre and comedy, he has found, calm him to a large extent.

"I still remember the first time I went up on stage to do an open mic, and I threw up before the show. But a conversation with a popular comic who suggested that I should be myself on stage. That changed the way I looked at things, and soon I felt different when I heard the laughter," he says.

The initial idea was to shoot a video in Mumbai, depicting the concept through a video, and he also shot some footage. But with the pandemic barring large crowds, he decided that a social media release would work better. Speaking of Mumbai, Chugani recalls how peers and mentors egged him to move from Bengaluru, although Chugani resisted it. "I was trying to do open mics in both cities, and make use of all the opportunities. That was my line of thought. In hindsight, not moving was a good decision. I would have struggled financially and also been stuck in the lockdown," says the comic who chose to shuttle between Bengaluru and Mumbai.

Over the last one month, he has been doing a show called *Chaar Log Hasenge* (which allows only four audience members to join) – an attempt to get that feeling of going up on stage. "I don't want online shows to be the future. However, at this point there might not be many options. But there is a possibility to perform on different platforms. For instance, I requested a friend if I could perform at his house in Coonoor. It was done with all safety precautions in place. So we will have to figure out different methods to perform," he says. At other times, he does video calls involving friends to bounce off ideas, to hear "organic laughter".

Chugani doesn't switch off, and thinks of jokes all the time – while doing house chores, completing his daily target of 10,000 steps or his latest initiative of cleaning up the hill station. "I can't imagine life without being a comic," he says.

BACK IN THE FAST LANE

• Ashim Sunam

> **It has been a difficult time for everyone, and the whole world has had to compromise. I am happy that the French FFSA GT4 Championship is happening now. It was supposed to happen around April**
> —Akhil Rabindra, racer

More than half a year has gone by and India racer Akhil Rabindra has not sat behind the wheels in any competitive race in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. His last international and domestic races were in October and December, respectively, but the Bengalurean will finally start his season with the French FFSA GT4 Championship later this month. "It has been a difficult time for everyone, and the whole world has had to compromise. I am happy that the season is happening now. It was supposed to happen around April," Akhil told CE. He was in Bengaluru for more than four months during the lockdown and left for the United Kingdom on July 24 and has completed his mandatory 14-day quarantine as well. During his stay in India and the UK, he did not waste time and watched several YouTube videos about the tracks and conditions that will be present in the upcoming championship.

Akhil's season will start on Aug. 21, at the Circuit Paul Armagnac de Nogaro in Southwestern France with the three-day Easter Cups from Nagaro series. He will feature in Magny-Cours in September, and Paul Ricard and Albi in October, before concluding with the Ledenon GT Series at the Ledenon Circuit in November. "I did not know about the track in the championship. So I spent a lot of time onlime, exploring different overtaking opportunities on the track, which is important. I am trying to go as prepared as I can, rather than going to the track and learning about it then," said Akhil, who will be driving an Aston Martin Racing V8 Vantage GT4 for the AGS Events Racing team.

Such planning makes sense for Akhil, who was retained by Aston Martin Racing Driver Academy for the season. Overall, there are 13 drivers and he is the only Indian and the Asian in the academy. All the racers' performance will be evaluated and the best performer will land a contract as a junior driver. "The whole purpose of the academy is that they will choose one driver who makes it higher up in the hierarchy. All the drivers will be evaluated on various parameters in different championships, and they will choose a winner at the end. "I want to go race by race, try to make sure I do well in all the practice sessions and qualifications and get the best possible result out of the race. When I look back four-five months from now, I hope to make it higher in the AMR line up," added Akhil.

CITY READ

Students win award for Covid app

A six-member team of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology won the first prize in the recently-held Smart India Hackathon-2020 conducted by the Ministry of Education, and AICTE, for their app, Wikipills, which detects Covid-19 and more. The students says this geo-fencing enabled app also helps find track Alzheimer's patients if they aren't able to find their way back.

Online event on future of education

St. Francis College, Koramangala, will host HATCH 2020, on August 12 from 10am onwards to discuss the future of the education sector in context to the Covid-19 pandemic. Their inhouse publication, 'Hatch 2020 – Educating the Next', will also be launched by actor Boman Irani, filmmaker Indrajit Lankesh, actor Ragini Prajwal and others.

TURNING PAGES

'These ideas about migrants and migration were often based on flimsy evidence'

The next great migration is upon us. The trouble is, from the earliest years of childhood, we are taught that plants, animals, and people belong in certain places. It's why we call the goose the "Canada" goose, the maple the "Japanese" maple. It's why we use the camel to represent the Middle East and the kangaroo to stand for Australia. It's why we use our imagined or known continental origins as shorthand to describe ourselves in everything from our social interactions to our medical forms: we are "Americans," or "Africans," or "Asians," or "Europeans," a centuries-old marker encoded visually in the color of our skin and the texture of our hair, regardless of where we might happen to live.

By describing peoples and species as "from" certain places, we invoke a specific idea about the past. It traces back to the eighteenth century, when European naturalists first started cataloging the natural world. Assuming that peoples and wild creatures had stayed mostly fixed in their places throughout history, they named creatures and peoples based on those places, conflating one with the other as if they'd been joined since time immemorial.

Those centuries-old taxonomies formed the foundation for modern ideas about our biological history. Today a range of fields from ecology to genetics and biogeography allude to

long periods of isolation in our distant past, when species and peoples remained ensconced in their habitats, each evolving in their separate locales.

This stillness at the center of our ideas about the past necessarily casts migrants and migrations as anomalous and disruptive.

Early twentieth-century naturalists dismissed migration as an ecologically useless and even dangerous behavior, warning of "disastrous results" should migrant animals be allowed to move freely. Conservationists and other scientists warned that human migration, too, would precipitate biological calamity. The most predictable outcome of human migration—sexual reproduction between people who traced their ancestry to different places—would result in degenerated, mutant hybrids, leading scientists proclaimed.

The free movement of peoples would allow hungry hordes of foreigners to overrun the country, postwar population biologists said, pointing to their studies of population dynamics in butterflies and rats. Would-be human migrants, one wrote, would not "starve gracefully." They'd migrate, to our ruin. Wild species on the move, late twentieth-century ecologists added, would trigger "environmental apocalypse."

These ideas about migrants and migration were often based on flimsy evidence: mysterious female body parts that don't, in fact, exist; hybrid monsters that have never been found; a storied spectacle of wild migrants leaping into the Arctic sea that never, in fact, happened; a phenomenon of crazed aggression and voraciousness produced by crowding that doesn't actually transpire. For decades, they suppressed the truth about the promise of migration, regardless. Geneticists who discovered the fact of our common migratory history minimized its extent.

Extracted from **The Next Great Migration** *by Sonia Shah, with permission from Bloomsbury Publishing*

Spare the 'Boards', save the child

URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

Amidst the global pandemic, one bit of news did not get as much attention as it deserved. The New Education Policy brought in by the government almost got buried under the volcanic eruption of our daily news.

The new policy is an ambitious project of the government to overhaul the way education is imparted and accessed across the country. It focuses on changing the current system, which revolves around cramming as much information as humanly possible a few months before the examinations. It also focuses on vocational training, and students will now have greater freedom in choosing the subjects that they pursue. It also aims to reduce the focus around the dreaded 'Board Exam'.

On the surface, it is great news. One of the unspoken dark secrets of our nation is that we don't speak about the large number of student suicides caused by the pressure of competitive examinations. For years, the dreaded Board Exams have caused rifts, fears and tears among Indian students. Cable TV connections in millions of homes are snapped off a few months before the exams. Everyday life becomes dark and sombre. Hence, reducing the importance of Board Exams is definitely a step in the right direction.

Representational picture

However, the sceptic in me is unconvinced. The Right to Education Act 2009 was also an ambitious policy. I worked as a teacher a few years after it was implemented across the nation. While the Act had imposed rules against beating up students at school, not much had changed at the ground level. At the school, life for the students was akin to a video game – where you had just one life, and had to navigate among teachers carrying sticks, rulers and dusters.

Even though the New Education Policy is progressive in its approach, the final implementation at the ground level will have to be done by teachers. And till a decade ago, the phrase 'Spare the rod, save the child' was actually written on blackboards as 'Thought for the day'.

I was curious about the phrase and decided to look it up. It turns out the phrase traces its origins to a 17th century poem. The poet compares the tribulations of love to the behaviour of a naughty child. Teachers, of course, took the bit about the rod quite literally. The teachers of my school modified the statement one step further – 'Find a rod, hit the child'.

Our PT Sir considered discipline to be a sport, on par with football and hockey. We were hit with rulers (wooden, plastic and metal), sticks, barks of trees, belts, badminton rackets, and exam pads. If our teachers turned out to be kind, parents encouraged them to occasionally test out their wrestling skills (and vice versa).

There is also an entire industry built around Board Exams – coaching institutes, guide books, question banks and educational apps. Even the mobile technology revolution of recent years could not reduce the stress of Board Exams. Every year, rankers are heralded and garlanded and paraded, inadvertently creating pressure for all the others.

It is easy for adults to pontificate on social media about how marks don't matter. But the truth is, it will take decades for us to shake off our primal fear of Board Exams. And the first step arguably needs to come from the teachers. Our scriptures say Guru Brahma, Guru Vishnu, Guru Devo Maheshwara. But it fails to mention that in a few cases, it is a case of Guru WWF Smackdown Superstar!

Wedding shoot

Newly-wedded couples would surely relate to actor Hitha Chandrashekar's latest video that she shared on Instagram, which reveals behind-the-scene shots from her wedding photoshoot. She captioned the video: "The drama you need to for the so called 'candid pictures'. (SIC)." Chandrashekar got married to Kiran Srinivas in February and is currently based in Mumbai. Post lockdown, Chandrashekar started a small series which shows their fun banter.

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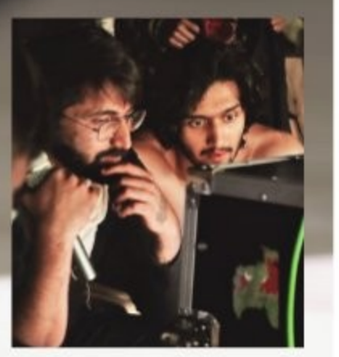
Interestingly, the film, directed by Ramesh Venkatesh Babu, will bear the title of one of Upendra's directorial films, which could be *A, Upendra, Super or Uppi 2*; official announcement will be made on August 14

Niranjan Sudhindra

Niranjan Sudhindra to play top dancer in debut movie

CE Features

Upendra's nephew Niranjan Sudhindra is associating with director Ramesh Venkatesh Babu. But this is not for *Addhuri 2* which is on hold. Instead, the director has come up with another commercial script for the upcoming talent. Niranjan, who made a mark on the silver screen with *2nd Half*, along with Priyanka Upendra, will now be making his debut as hero. From the picture *CE* got hold of, this is one of the projects which has silently gone on floors in Bengaluru from July 18. They have even completed 20 days of shooting, which was their first schedule. Further, we hear that the project will bear the title of one of Upendra's directorial films, which also featured the Real Star in the lead role. Our guesses are *A, Upendra, Super* or *Uppi 2*. However, an official announcement will be made on August 14, when Upendra and Priyanka will launch the film's title. This will be followed by a teaser which they plan to come out with on August 20, which happens to be Niranjan's birthday. Accordingly, the actor, who is also a good dancer, will get a platform to showcase his skill. The film, the subject of which is said to be based on a universal theme, will see him play the role of an international dancer. The music for the film is being scored by Raghavendra V, who will also be doing the background score. Also coming on board is cinematographer Yogi, who hails from Hyderabad.



Director Ramesh Venkatesh Babu and Niranjan

Upendra

Kiara Advani plays a self-obsessed version of herself in *Masaba Masaba*

CE Features

Kiara Advani has a cameo appearance in *Masaba Masaba*. The upcoming Netflix series follows celebrity fashion designer Masaba Gupta as she navigates 'love, life, career, family and friendships'. The fictionalised series also features Masaba's mother, actor Neena Gupta.

In the show, Kiara plays an actor who Masaba dresses for an upcoming event. It unfolds as a comic exchange at Masaba's store.

Commenting on the same, Kiara said, "Ashvini (Yardi, producer) told me the concept when she was developing the show. I thought it was very unique, so when she asked if I would do a fun cameo I was more than happy as I get to play a self-obsessed version of myself, it's like doing a spoof on yourself. Masaba is a super chilled-out girl and I can't wait to watch the series."

Written and directed by Sonam Nair, Masaba Masaba is set to stream on Netflix in August.

Kiara Advani

KUSHI & VIVEK SIMHA

COME TOGETHER FOR BHARATH 'S UPCOMING PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER

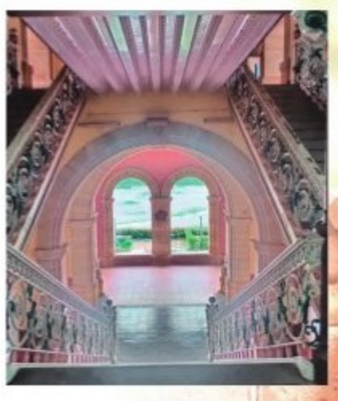
Vivek Simha

A Sharadhaa

Bharath G's yet-to-be-titled horror-comedy drama set in a 103-year-old building will bring together a fresh cast. The psychological thriller will star Kushi, of *Dia* fame, and Vivek Simha, who is popular for his reality shows on television and for his role in *Premier Padmini*. The director in his earlier interview had said that he has come up with a subject that blends humour with fear, and that he has created an edge-of-the-seat thriller, which also questions the existence of ghosts or past life. The film will be made under the banner of Shree Devi Entertainers, and *Rangitaranga* producer H K Prakash, who was also associated with *Avane Srimannarayana*, will produce this project. With the lead cast in place, the makers are in the process of finalising the rest of the artistes, and the film is likely to go on floors in October. The actors and the director are currently busy with workshops, and the team has also finalised locations in Dharwad and Dandeli, along the banks of the Kali river, where the film will be shot. Meanwhile, they have come up with a spooky title, and the production house plans to have its official launch done by a celebrity in the coming days. The details of the technical crew will also be revealed then.

This will be Kushi Ravi's fourth project. The actor, who came to limelight with K S Ashoka's directorial *Dia*, will also be working with Pruthvi Ambar once again in a project to be directed by Darshan Apoorva. She has also bagged Nakshe, for which she is yet to begin the shoot.

The production house, Shree Devi Entertainers, has come up with a spooky title for the horror-comedy, and it will be officially launched in the coming days



Kushi

Sanjay Dutt

Sanjay Dutt discharged from hospital

Actor Sanjay Dutt, who was admitted to Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai on Saturday evening, was discharged on Monday.

The 61-year-old actor was admitted after he complained of breathlessness and uneasiness in the chest. However, his Covid-19 report was negative. The actor was discharged from hospital on Monday afternoon, and he returned home.

On Saturday night, shortly after being hospitalised, Dutt had tweeted: "Just wanted to assure everyone that I'm doing well. I'm currently under medical observation and my COVID-19 report is negative. With the help and care of the doctors, nurses and staff at Lilavati hospital, I should be home in a day or two. Thank you for your well wishes and blessings."

On the work front, Sanjay Dutt will next be seen in Mahesh Bhatt's *Sadak 2*. The sequel to the 1991 hit, *Sadak*, reunites Dutt with Pooja Bhatt, and also has Alia Bhatt and Aditya Roy Kapur in pivotal roles. The film is slated to release digitally on August 28 on Hotstar. IANS

Judd Apatow to direct documentary about George Carlin for HBO

CE Features

Judd Apatow, the popular filmmaker comedian, is set to make a two-part documentary on the iconic stand-up comedian George Carlin, who is known for his crude and honest take on social convention and habits.

The documentary will feature interviews of friends and family members of Carlin. It will also feature real footage of Carlin's shows. George Carlin is known for his radical take on religion, god, child-rearing, and politics. He died in 2008 aged 71. Talking about the film, Judd Apatow was quoted by Variety as saying, "It is an honor to be given the opportunity to tell the story of his life and work."

Judd Apatow last directed One King of Staten Island, which released on online platforms across the US in June and opened to generally positive reviews.

Janhvi Kapoor steers a rocky flight

Shilajit Mitra

Hindi war films were once insufferably long. Even Lakshya (2004), a coming-of-age story backdropped on the Kargil War, took a languid 185 minutes to reach the summit. By contrast, Gunjan Saxena—building up to the same event but based on a real-life character—runs a little under two hours. The briskness, however welcome, only costs the film. We bounce so swiftly from event to event, that there's little time to get to know the protagonist closely. The result is a biopic by compression, a life reduced to a series of facts.

The fanciful pace is promptly established. On a flight in 1984, Gunjan, barely ten, is ushered into the cockpit. Instantly, her dreams are shaped: she wants to become a pilot, her childhood wish maturing into a serious ambition as she grows up. Gunjan's father (Pankaj Tripathi) is supportive of her dreams. He helps her train and crack into the first batch of female pilots in the Air Force. But her brother, Anshuman, also in the army, is dismissive: a thorny mix of condescension and overprotectiveness, wonderfully sold by Angad Bedi.

The family drama is refurbished in the following chapters. At the academy, Gunjan (Janhvi Kapoor) is put down by various authority figures. A stern instructor (Vineet Kumar Singh) tells her she's "too weak" for combat. Her batchmates cook up ridiculous excuses to avoid flying with her. Manav Vij plays a hardened commander with an eye for talent. All this is potent stuff — a glimpse into the sustained pushback faced by pioneering officers like Gunjan Saxena, and which women aspirants still continue to face.

Yet, nothing truly clicks. The problem lies in the way director Sharan Sharma and co-writer Nikhil Mehrotra keep raising the stakes. Gunjan faces sexism at home, at the academy and finally on the battlefield (a politician on TV argues that female recruits are a liability). The mounting odds leave little room for Gunjan to grow as a character. She's a heroine all through: a model of braveness, determination and grit. When she calls out a superior on his fragile masculinity, it's the film talking on Gunjan's behalf, not a young girl risking her hopes and dreams.

Janhvi, in her third feature appearance, takes time easing up to the screen. She spends her early scenes wrapped up in her character's ambitions (Pankaj Tripathi, acutely aware of this deficit, compensates with his trademark humour). Yet, once the action picks up, Janhvi manages to hold her own, darting across the frame and pausing to catch her breath. Her agility on the tarmac is let down by the flying scenes: a series of dull sorties followed by a rescue operation in the hills.

In Lakshya, there's a scene where Hrithik Roshan absconds from military school. Gunjan pulls something similar here, though not for a lack of will. Once home, she catches up with a friend who's getting married — a prompt for Gunjan to not give up and settle down. The idea is echoed throughout: the notion that a girl must chase her dreams or 'retreat into the kitchen'. It's a binary we encounter often: a rigid stance for movies meant to liberate, not restrict.

The film's best moment does not involve Gunjan or her squad. Late one night, Anshuman joins his father for a drink. He complains that he has always indulged Gunjan, allowed her to play cricket with the boys and watch late-night shows. "I feel you care more about her happiness than her safety," Anshuman says. Pankaj Tripathi blinks, then murmurs softly: "I think you should not drink."

GUNJAN SAXENA - THE KARGIL GIRL

Director: Sharan Sharma

Cast: Janhvi Kapoor, Pankaj Tripathi, Angad Bedi, Vineet Kumar Singh

RATING 2/5